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Births.

CLARE.—December 24, at her residence, Belmore-street, Enmore, the wife of Frederick Clark, of a daughter.

CRAWLEY.—December 20, at her residence, Tudor House, Victoria-street North, the wife of T. W. Crawley, of a daughter.

O'REGAN.—December 12, at her residence, Hillside, North Yass, the wife of J. M. O'Regan, of a son.

ORCHARD.—December 18, at her residence, George-street, Waterloo, the wife of William Orchard, of a son.

Marriages.

M'BEAN—MILNE.—December 19, at the Manse, Paddington, by the Rev. James Milne, M.A., the father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. P. F. Mackenzie, John M'Bean, Black Range, Yass, to Agnes Fitzroy.

Deaths.

BOWEN.—December 21, at Bathurst-street, John Meymott Townsend Webb Bowen, infant son of Edward Mostyn Webb Bowen, of Pembrokeshire, South Wales, aged 9 months and 7 days.

CORTHORN.—December 20, at Riversdell, Trail-street, Wagga Wagga, Charles Fred, infant son of Charles and Eliza Corthorn, aged 11 months and 1 week.

ELWELL.—November 7, at Red Hill, Surry, England, John F. S., second son of the late Richard Bradbury Elwell, of Walsall, Staffordshire, England, and beloved stepson of W. J. Stephenson, Parramatta, N. S. W.

FARR.—December 23, at his parents' residence, Waterloo Road, St. Peter's, Claude Armstrong, the dearly beloved child of George and Emma Farr, aged 15 months. Parted, but not for ever.

FOOTT.—November 2, at his residence, Carrigacunna Castle, County Cork, Ireland, Henry Baldwin Foott, Esq., J.P., in his 101st year.

LUTHER.—December 19, at the Oaks, Friedrich Christian Luther, born at Wetzlar, Germany, aged 71 years.

MONK.—December 23, at her residence, 509, Crown-street, Surry Hills, Mary Ann, the dearly beloved wife of Henry Monk, after a long and painful illness.

SNOW.—December 24, Mr. George Snow, jeweller, of 60, Hunter-street, late of Maitland, aged 72.

Shipping.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.
OVERLAND ROUTE TO GREAT BRITAIN THROUGH AMERICA
Under contract with the N. S. W. and N. Z. Governments,
City of New York,
3000 tons, W. B. Cobb, commander,
will leave as above on THURSDAY, 2nd January, at 3 p.m.
Fares at current rates.
Passengers for Waiwera Hot Springs by P. M. Co.'s steamers forwarded free from Auckland to Waiwera.
For freight or passage apply to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents,
Gresham-street.

STEAM TO AUCKLAND direct.—The Pacific Mail steamer,
CITY OF NEW YORK,
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Fares at current rates.
Passengers booked from Sydney to Liverpool, London, or Paris, with special advantages.
Through rate from Sydney to Liverpool, first-class, £72.
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3000 tons, W. B. Cobb, commander,
will leave as above on THURSDAY, 2nd January, carrying her Majesty's mails and passengers to Auckland, Honolulu, and San Francisco.
Drafts payable in gold in San Francisco, issued by the undersigned.
Passengers booked from Sydney to Liverpool, London, or Paris, with special advantages.
Through rate from Sydney to Liverpool, first-class, £72.
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THE E. and A. M. S. COMPANY'S steamer
BRISBANE,
J. A. Reddell, commander,
will leave the Company's new jetty, at Smith's Wharf, on SATURDAY, December 28, at noon, with the mails for Singapore and Hongkong, via Brisbane and other Queensland ports.
For freight or passage apply to
BRIGHT, BROTHERS, and CO., Agents.
December 6, 1878.

HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM TO NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, RAYMOND TERRACE, &c.
FROM SYDNEY:
THIS (Wednesday) NIGHT, at 11, the MAITLAND.
TO-MORROW (Thursday) NIGHT, at 11, the MORPETH.
Goods will not be received after 5 p.m.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
Offices: foot of Market-street.

NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY (Limited).
SPECIAL NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR NEWCASTLE.
The s.s. KEMBLA will leave for NEWCASTLE, from Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street, THIS WEDNESDAY (Christmas) NIGHT, and on FRIDAY NIGHT, at 11; and, for the convenience of passengers, will be detained at NEWCASTLE TO-MORROW, Thursday (Boxing Day), and leave for SYDNEY at 11 p.m.
H. D. PORTUS, Manager.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS.
TO LEVUKA (FIJI).—Wednesday, Friday, at noon.
TO BRISBANE
TO BOWEN
TO TOWNSVILLE
TO CAIRNS (TRINITY BAY)
TO PORT DENISON (ISLAND POINT) } KATOOMBA (without transhipment), Monday afternoon, at 4.30.
TO COOKTOWN WHARF
TO CARDWELL
TO KEPPEL BAY } KATOOMBA, Monday afternoon, at 4.30.
TO FLAT-TOP ISLAND
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

NEW MANNING RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S steamer BEAGLE, Captain Hersee, for Taree, Manning River (via Newcastle), unavoidably POSTPONED until THURSDAY EVENING, at 6 o'clock, from Caledonian Wharf, King-street, weather permitting.
JOHN RITCHIE, Agent.

MANNING RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited).—The DIAMANTINA, Captain Herron, will leave TAREE, MANNING RIVER, direct from Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street, on SATURDAY, at noon. (Weather permitting.) All freight payable in Sydney.
R. PORTUS, Manager.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE, NEWCASTLE, BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, and ROCKHAMPTON.
The M. S. S. CO. will dispatch their STEAMSHIPS (when practicable), as follows, from STRUTH'S WHARF, foot of King-street:—

FOR MELBOURNE:
LEURA ..... | John Pain ..... | FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.
BARRABOOL ..... | J. R. Clark ..... | TUESDAY, December —
FOR BRISBANE:
YOU YANGS ..... | J. D. Harley ..... | SATURDAY, at 1 o'clock.
FOR MARYBOROUGH:
YOU YANGS ..... | J. D. Harley ..... | SATURDAY, at 1 o'clock.
FOR ROCKHAMPTON:
YOU YANGS ..... | J. D. Harley ..... | SATURDAY, at 1 o'clock.

Carrying passengers and cargo. Return tickets issued to and from MELBOURNE, available for three (3) months, by any of the Company's steamers, leaving every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, and vice versa. Cargo received for the above ports every day.
These vessels are victualled by the owners. Steerage passengers supplied with bedding.
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.
THE MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the steamship
LEURA, 1300 tons,
JOHN PAIN, commander,
on FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.
For all particulars apply to
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

STEAM TO BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, and ROCKHAMPTON.
THE MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the steamship
YOU YANGS,
J. G. Hurley, commander,
FOR THE ABOVE PORTS, on FRIDAY, at 1 o'clock.
For all particulars apply to
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

UNION STEAMSHIP COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND (Limited).
Fortnightly communication to all NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

Ship.	Tons.	Commander.	Date of Sailing.
WAKATIPU ...	1798	Wheeler.....	31st December, via Wellington.
TARARUA	838	W. C. Sinclair...	21st January, via Auckland.

FROM MELBOURNE.

CLAUD HAMILTON.....	668	H. Chatfield ...	27th December, via Hokitika and Nelson.

FREDK. W. JACKSON, 58, Pitt-street.

THE CLARENCE AND RICHMOND RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS will be dispatched from the Company's Wharf, Sussex-street, as follows, weather permitting.
FOR GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER:

Ship.	Date of Sailing.
LYNESBYRNE	TUESDAY, 31st December, at 9 p.m.
FOR MACLEAY RIVER.	
BALLINA.....	FRIDAY, 27th December, at 9 p.m.
FOR RICHMOND RIVER:	
PLATYPUS.....	SATURDAY, 28th, noon.

Passage rates to and from Grafton.

Saloon:		Steerage:	
Single ticket.....	£3 0 0	Single ticket.....	£1 15 0
Return ditto.....	5 0 0	Return ditto	3 0 0

Available for return via Richmond River. Available for return via Richmond River.
Note.—Passengers and shippers to Clarence River are respectfully informed that, in consequence of the expiration of her passenger certificate, the City of Grafton is laid up for her usual overhaul, and the AGNES IRVING is now running in her place.
JOHN WHITE, Secretary.

FOR MELBOURNE.—The steamship OMEO, 1068 tons, will be dispatched hence on TUESDAY, the 31st December Fares and freights at current rates.
For further particulars apply to
JOSEPH WARD and CO., Agents.

ILLAWARRA S. N. COMPANY.
CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.
Tickets, at a single fare for the double journey, will be issued by the steamers of this Company, available from FRIDAY, 20th December, 1878, to MONDAY, 6th January, 1879.
No charge for meals during the voyage.

ILLAWARRA S. N. COMPANY.
WOLLONGONG.—Friday, 9.15 a.m., and 11 p.m.
ULLADULLA and CLYDE RIVER.—Friday, 9.15 a.m.
MORUYA and TATHRA.—Friday, at 11 p.m.
KIAMA and SHOALHAVEN.—Friday, at 11 p.m.
MERIMBULA and EDEN.—1st January.

CHEAP EXCURSIONS.—PARRAMATTA, RYDE ERMINGTON, and NEWINGTON STEAMERS, from KING-STREET, THIS DAY, at 7, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5. From Parramatta, 7, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5. COCKATOO, HUNTER'S HILL, and GLADESVILLE STEAMERS, from King-street, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 1, 3, 4.15, 11 FIVE DOCK, ASHFIELD, and BURWOOD, from King-street, 7, 10, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15. From Five Dock, 7.45, 8.30, 11 a.m., 3, 7 p.m. From Gladesville, 8, 8.45, 10, 11.15, 12, 2, 3.10, 7.15. From Hunter's Hill, 8.15, 9.5, 10.15, 11.35, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.20, 6.15, 7.20, calling at Cockatoo.

PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS
EMU, PELICAN, QUANDONG, PARRAMATTA.
FIFTEEN MILES FOR ONE SHILLING.
BOXING-DAY, 26th December.
FROM KING-STREET: Pelican 7, Emu 9, Pelican 10, Quandong 11, Eclipse 12, Emu 1.15, Pelican 3.15, Quandong 3, Emu 5.30, Eclipse 6.15, Pelican 7, Parramatta 11.
FROM PARRAMATTA: Emu 7, Pelican 9, Emu 11, Quandong 12, Pelican 1, Eclipse 2.30, Emu 3, Warrember 4, Pelican 5, Emu 7, calling at BALMAIN, COCKATOO, HUNTER'S HILL, GLADESVILLE, RYDE, ERMINGTON, NEWINGTON, SUBIACO.
Omnibuses in attendance at Parramatta to convey excursionists to the Park, &c.; fare, 8d.
Fares to Hunter's Hill: First class, 9d; return 1s; second class, 6d; return, 9d.
To Ryde: First class, 1s 6d; return, 2s; second class, 1s; return, 1s 6d.
To Parramatta: First class, 1s 6d; return 2s 6d; second class, 1s; return, 1s 6d.
Children, return ticket, 6d.
FIVE DOCK STEAMERS on BOXING-DAY, from KING-STREET: 7, 10, 2.15, 6.15, 11.
GLADESVILLE STEAMERS, FROM KING-STREET: 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3, 5.30, 6.15, 7, 9, 11.
HUNTER'S HILL STEAMERS, FROM KING-STREET: 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3, 5.30, 6.15, 7, 9, 11.
COCKATOO, FITZROY DOCK, FROM KING-STREET: 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1.15, 2.15, 3, 5.30, 6.15, 7, 9, 11.
FROM FIVE DOCK: 7.45, 8.30, 1.30, 5.30, 7.30.
FROM GLADESVILLE: 8, 9, 10, 12, 1, 2, 3.30, 4, 5, 6, 7.30, 8, 9.
FROM HUNTER'S HILL: 8.15, 9.5, 10.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.45, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.40, 8.15, 9.45.
FROM COCKATOO: 8.25, 9.25, 10.25, 12.25, 1.25, 2.25, 3.55, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 7.50, 8.25, 10.
Excursionists will find grassy spots, with shade and water, at the following wharfs:—Gladesville (Putney, the land for sale on 13th January), Ryde, and at the steamers' reserve, Parramatta, where there is a large pavilion free.

HUNTER'S HILL and LANE COVE FERRY.—Steamer WOMERAH leaves—
Lime-street Wharf, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5.5, 7
Lane Cove, 8, 10, 12, 2, 4, 6.
SATURDAY—Lime-street Wharf, 1.15 and 11.15 p.m.
Lane Cove, 10 p.m.
SUNDAY—Lime-street Wharf, 10, 2.30, 6.
Lane Cove, 9, 1, 5.

THE C. and N. E. S. N. COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS, from Commercial Wharf, foot of King-street.
For GRAFTON, Clarence River, direct,
S. S. NEW ENGLAND, on SATURDAY NIGHT, at 9 o'clock.

STEAM TO HOBART TOWN Direct.—The fine steamship TASMAN, 760 tons register, will be dispatched from the Grafton Wharf, TUESDAY, 7th January, at 11 a.m.
Shippers are requested to send all cargo down the day previous to sailing. No cargo received after 10 a.m. on day of sailing.
For freight or passage apply to
T. and W. WILLIS, 48, Pitt-street.

EXCURSION TO CLONTARF and HEAD OF MIDDLE HARBOUR, CHRISTMAS DAY.
Steamer Commodore from Circular Wharf at 2.30 p.m., calling at Woolloomooloo, landing passengers at Clontarf, and proceeding to the head of Middle Harbour, returning, leaving Clontarf at 5 p.m.
Fare—Return ticket, 1s.

MIDDLE HARBOUR, THIS DAY.
The fast and commodious steamer PRINCE OF WALES leaves Circular Quay at 2.15, and Woolloomooloo Bay at 2.30, for the head of Middle Harbour, landing passengers for Christmas Bush.
W. WATERHOUSE.

MANLY BEACH STEAMERS.
BOXING DAY.
The 7.15 a.m. trip FROM CIRCULAR WHARF, and 8.10 a.m. FROM MANLY, will be run as usual.

ORIENT LINE OF STEAMSHIPS FOR LONDON.
VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.
The following full-powered Steamships, built and fitted expressly for Carrying Passengers on long ocean voyages, and each of about 4000 tons register, and make the voyage in about 42 days. They are fitted with punkahs, attached to the main engines, and steam-heating apparatus on the most approved principle, and are thoroughly ventilated for the tropics.
They will be dispatched as below:—

Steamer.	From Sydney.	From Melbourne.
ACONCAGUA ..	January 4th.	January 14th.
LUSITANIA	February 5th.	February 15th.
GARONNE.....	March 5th	March 15th.

FARES.

First Saloon	60 to 75 Guineas.
Second Saloon	35 Guineas.
Third Class (enclosed cabins) ...	20 to 22 Guineas.
Open Berths (for men only)	£16.
Canal Dues—&c. in addition.	

Passages from London can be granted in Sydney.
For further particulars, apply, in London, to F. Green and Co. and Anderson, Anderson and Co., Managers of the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited); and in Sydney to the Agents,
GILCHRIST, WATT and CO.,
Gresham-street.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR LONDON.—The LA HOGUE will sail positively on SATURDAY, January 18.
This favourite passenger ship is now lying at Circular Quay, where intending passengers are invited to inspect the superior accommodation.
The second class passengers are berthed on the upper deck at £21.
A milch cow will be put on board for the use of the passengers.
An experienced Surgeon accompanies the ship.
STEERAGE, FOURTEEN GUINEAS.
Apply on board to Captain WAGSTAFF; or to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.,
WOOL RECEIVED AT TALBOT'S.

FOR LONDON.
The PARRAMATTA
will sail punctually on the 5th February. Is now lying at Smith's Wharf, where intending passengers can inspect the accommodation of this favourite vessel.
1st, 2nd, and 3rd class, as usual.
Apply on board to Captain GODDARD; or, to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents.
Wool received at Marsden and Son's.

FOR LONDON.—The magnificent Al composite clipper ship,
DUKE OF ABERCORN,
1050 tons register,
J. Blanie, commander.
This vessel having all her dead weight on board, and large wool engagements, will have immediate dispatch.
For freight or passage apply on board; or to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.
WOOL NOW RECEIVED AT FLOOD and CO.'S.

FOR LONDON.
The magnificent iron ship
BORDER CHIEF,
1011 tons register,
100 A1 AT LLOYD'S,
David Leslie, commander.
will be dispatched during January and, being a high-classed ship, affords SHIPPERS a most desirable opportunity.
For freight apply to Captain LESLIE, on board, at Parbury's Wharf; or to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.
WOOL RECEIVED AT FLOOD AND CO.'S.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE.—FOR LONDON.—The favourite A 1 clipper ship
CENTURION,
985 tons register, T. TAYLOR, Commander,
is now receiving wool at TALBOT'S STORES, and HAVING LARGE ENGAGEMENTS, will be dispatched on or about TUESDAY, the 31st instant.
For rates of freight, apply to the Captain, on board; or
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.

DEVITT AND MOORE'S LINE OF SAILING SHIPS FOR LONDON.
These well-known favourite passenger ships will be dispatched in the following order:—

Ship.	Tons.	Commander.	To sail.
LA HOGUE	1331	Wagstaff	January 18th.
PARRAMATTA	1521	Goddard	February 5th.
WINDSOR CASTLE	1015	Fernie.....	February.

For freight or passage, plans of cabins, and all information, apply to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.,
Gresham-street.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE.
For London direct.
The fine clipper ship
SMYRNA,
1305 tons, R. Jamieson, commander,
having the larger half of her wool already stowed, and nearly the whole of the balance engaged, will be dispatched on the 12th proximo.
To shippers of wool desirous of availing themselves of the May sales this vessel affords an admirable opportunity, her sailing date being especially fixed to secure her arrival in ample time.
Wool received at Talbot's Store.
For freight or passage apply to HENRY AUSTIN, 35, Hunter-street; or
MONTEFIORE and MONTEFIORE, 5, Gresham-street.

FOR LONDON.—The clipper barque
INGLEWOOD,
1043 tons register, Captain Brocklebank,
This fine vessel is now fast loading, and will have early dispatch.
For rates of freight for wool and light freight apply to
ALBERT A. SMITH,
Hunter and O'Connell streets.
Wool received at TALBOT'S.

FOR LONDON.
The well-known clipper ship
WILLIAM DUTHIE,
996 tons register,
William M'Callum, commander,
having the bulk of her cargo on board and in store, will be dispatched in a few days.
For terms of freight or passage apply to the Captain, on board, or to
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.
Wool received at Flood and Co.'s.

LOADING AT THE COSMOPOLITAN WHARF.
FOR LONDON,
the splendid clipper
LAPWING,
800 tons register, P. Crengle, commander.
This vessel presents a very favourable opportunity to shippers, as her total carrying capacity is under 3000 bales.
For the convenience of shippers, Wool is received at FLOOD and CO.'S STORES, COSMOPOLITAN WHARF, or their BLACKWALL STORES, Macquarie-street.
For rates, &c., apply to
MASON, BROTHERS.

FOR LONDON.
The magnificent iron clipper ship,
CARMARTHEN CASTLE,
1407 tons register, Hugh James, commander,
will sail early in January.
This splendid ship is on her fourth voyage, and being a fast sailer as well as a thoroughly staunch vessel, offers the greatest inducement to shippers.
WOOL received at MARSDEN'S STORES.
For rates of freight apply to Captain JAMES, on board, at Circular Quay; or to
LEARMONTH, DICKINSON, and CO., Agents.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.
The powerful clipper ship
DARLING DOWNS,
1634 tons, W. T. Wakeham, master,
will sail for LONDON on JANUARY 20. Accommodation for all classes unsurpassed.
Saloon, as per agreement.
Second cabin, in fore part of POOP, £20.
Steerage, on deck, for women, £15; men, £14.
For particulars apply to captain, or
A. HINCHCLIFF, Agent,
Wool Stores, Circular Quay.
WOOL received at MARSDEN'S: NO DETENTION.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.
To sail from Sydney on or about 14th January, 1879,
the clipper Barque
CHINAMAN,
667 tons register, A1 at Lloyd's,
ALLAN MACKENZIE, Commander.
offers favourable opportunity to wool shippers for May sales, having all dead weight on board and large portion of cargo engaged.
This vessel has made some of the quickest passages on record between China and England, China and New York.
Wool received at Marsden's Stores.
For freight apply to
T. and W. WILLIS,
48, Pitt-street North.

FOR LONDON.
The splendid first-class clipper ship
DUCHESS OF ARGYLL,
having all her dead weight and a large quantity of her wool stowed, will be dispatched for the May sales.
For rates of freight apply to CHARLES PARBURY, Gresham-street; or to
YOUNG and LARK, Agents, Moore-street, off Pitt-street.
WOOL received at FLOOD'S.

FOR BOSTON (direct).—The fine A1 clipper-barque
CHRISTINE,
500 tons register, J. Wilfung, commander, having the bulk of her wool engaged, will receive prompt dispatch.
For terms, &c., apply to
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.
Wool received at Flood and Co.'s.

FOR PORT NATAL
Direct
(the nearest route to the South African Gold and Diamond Fields),
the Al clipper barque
E. J. SPENCE,
Captain J. H. Gill,
will be dispatched on JANUARY 4, for the above port.
For freight and passage apply to
J. and D. SPENCE, Flinders-lane, Melbourne.

FOR LEVUKA, FIJI, Direct.—The ship LA ROCHELLE, J. H. Witt, master, will be despatched FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY.
For freight or passage apply to
RABONE, FELZ, and CO., Agents, Wynyard-street.

FOR BRISBANE.—Schooner RESOLUTE will sail positively on 28th instant.
WILLIAM WOLFEN and CO.,
Bridge-street.

NAMBUCCRA RIVER.—First vessel LADY OF LORNE. Freight or passage, apply on board, Victoria Wharf.

STEAMSHIP ZEALANDIA, from San Francisco.—Consignees of goods by this vessel are requested to pass Customs ENTRIES at once for Dibbs's Wharf. Any goods impeding the discharge will be cleared, landed, and stored at the consignees' risk and expense; and the ship will not be responsible for any damage to or loss of cargo after it is landed. Bills of lading must be produced at the office of the undersigned, and orders for delivery obtained before the goods will be delivered.
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents,
Gresham-street.

SHIP MEMNON, from New York.—Consignees by above vessel are requested to Pass ENTRIES for Parbury's Wharf. All goods impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense. The ship will not be responsible for loss of or damage to cargo after it has been landed. Bills of lading must be produced, freight paid and delivery orders obtained at the office of the undersigned, before any goods can leave the wharf.
R. TOWNS and CO., Agents.
Captain WASS will not be responsible for DEBTS contracted by any of the crew without his written authority.

WANTED to CHARTER a VESSEL, for coals, Newcastle to Melbourne (bay). Apply WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

CHARTERS.—The undersigned are prepared to Charter Vessels for
SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, AMOY, YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.
E. S. CHESTER and CO., No. 11, Bridge-street.

FOR FREIGHT or CHARTER.—The fast sailing schooner DANCING WAVE, now on her passage from Maryborough to Sydney, daily expected.
Apply to W. G. YEATES, 61 and 63, Sussex-street.

WANTED, a SKIFF DINGY, about 15 feet long.
Apply T. Bennett's, Glasgow Arms, George-street.

STEAM LAUNCH for HIRE, BOXING DAY, licensed to carry 160. Apply Blair, Dry Dock Ferry, Erskine-st.

FOR SALE, the fine screw steamship DERWENT, 478 tons register, accommodation for 50 cabin and 30 steerage passengers. Speed, 11 knots. This vessel is in first-rate order. For all particulars apply T. and W. WILLIS, 48, Pitt-street.

FOR SALE, the OPEN CUTTER YACHT, LUCY, 8 tons register, COPPERED, COPPER FASTENED, and in every way in first-class order. By far the finest pleasure boat in Port Jackson; can be inspected in Woolloomooloo Bay.
GILCHRIST, STUBBS, and WESTON.

FOR SALE, the Aberdeen clipper barque DAMASCUS, 964 tons register. Was surveyed and remetalled last June, was supplied with a new mizenmast in 1877, and new iron main and fore masts in 1876, and is in excellent condition.
For further particulars apply to
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.

FOR SALE, the Paddle-steamer LUNA, now at Greymouth, New Zealand, built by Rennie and Sons, of Greenfield, in 1865, about 300 tons, 120 horse-power nominal. For particulars apply to the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, 1, Spring-street.

FOR SALE, the steamship OMEO; registered tonnage, 821-660; length, 213 feet; breadth, 30; depth, 16. Is in splendid order, and will be in this port on 26th instant, when she can be inspected. For all further particulars apply to
JOSEPH WARD and CO.,
Agents for the Owners.

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NOTICE.—T. W. WILLMAN, Practical Watchmaker and Jeweller, 470A, George-st., few doors south of

Personal.

M. HAMS will hear of his Brother JOHN by calling upon J. COCKER, at 225, Castlereagh-street.

ECCLES.—Please return to G. F. O. the Receipt-book, Telegram, and Letter delivered to you by mistake.

MRS. JOHN LONG MOORE, née Mary Bethune, will send to the Sailors' Home, she will hear of her Brother, MALCOLM BETHUNE.

IF JOHN WOOD, a native of Linton, near Maidstone, in Kent, or family, should see this, FRIEND from home waiting to see them at Stanton Hotel, Smithers-street, off Abercrombie-street, Chippendale.

SARAH MARTIN, alias ROBERTSON, Milliner, of Rye, England, communicate with T. C., 84, King-street, Melbourne, being entitled to the residue of SAMUEL MARTIN'S Estate, sold and delivered. Saw W. H. B. to-day at Post Office, hoping it is all off.

Lost and Found.

LOST, yesterday morning, in lane off York-street, two MONEY ORDERS. Reward, Simpson's, 383, George-street.

LOST, in Newtown 'bus or George-street, BOX Mathematical Instruments. Reward. John Sands, George-street

LOST, a GOAT, light brown. Reward at 114, Elizabeth-street.

LOST, a PINE LOG. Reward on returning it to G. and S. PREDDEY, 14, Erskine-street.

LOST, a COCKATOO, from 288, Bourke-street. Any one bringing it to address, rewarded.

LOST, in George-street 24th instant, Gold open-faced WATCH, with albert chain attached. Finder rewarded by applying at 49½, George-street.

LOST, a POCKET-BOOK, containing £1 note, half-sovereign, and five or six North Shore Ferry tickets.
Mr. DAVIES, Tobacconist,
King-street.

REWARD.—LOST, on Sunday morning, from No. 2, Rosebud-terrace, Paddington, a pet WALLABY.

STRAYED from 352, Victoria-street, near St. Vincent's Hospital, a little GIRL, 2½ years old, dressed in brown dress trimmed with pale blue, straw hat trimmed with brown and maize silk, diaper pinafore, and elastic side boots. Any one bringing her to above address will be rewarded.

TEN SHILLINGS REWARD.—LOST, on Monday, about the Haymarket, small black-and-white and tan DOG; answers to name of "Nip." Name marked, E. J. Hinder, on collar. E. J. HINDER, Chemist, Glebe Road.

FOUND, Arundel-terrace, a PURSE, containing money, &c. No. 3, Seamer's-terrace, Parramatta Road, Glebe.

FOUND, in front of my establishment on Christmas eve, a PARCEL. Owner can have it by describing contents and paying for this advertisement. Apply to
JAMES STEDMAN,
436, George-street.

THE PERSON who was seen picking up a PURSE, containing money, between Pitt and Castlereagh streets, please return it to 225, Castlereagh-street. £1 reward.

Meetings.

A MONSTER ANTI-CHINESE MEETING will be held at Captain Cook's statue, Hyde Park, on SATURDAY next, the 28th instant, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of the Anti-Chinese League and Political Reform Union, to consider what steps shall be taken with reference to the 350 Chinese seamen now near Sydney Heads.
Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers attend in thousands and determine by your presence that Australian labour shall be done by Australian Working Men.
J. B. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

A. O. F., COURT ROBIN HOOD.—Regular Meeting POSTPONED till January 8. W. O. FOX, Sec.

THIS (CHRISTMAS) EVENING, a Public TEMPERANCE MEETING of the Alliance will be held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, commencing at a quarter to 8 o'clock, to commemorate this important event.
J. ROSEBY, Esq., M.P., and F. R. HOLDSWORTH, Esq., will deliver the addresses.
Suitable pieces, &c., will be sung at intervals.
SAMUEL CALLAGHAN, Esq., J.P., presides.
All Temperance Societies and the public are respectfully invited.
Admittance and departure FREE.
N.B.—A similar MEETING will be held on NEW YEAR'S EVENING.
J. OSBORNE, Secretary.

KROHMANN'S GOLD-MINING COMPANY (Limited).
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Special General MEETING of Shareholders convened for December 19, stands ADJOURNED to MONDAY, December 30th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at the Company's Office, 177, Pitt-street, Sydney.
By order of the Board.
GEORGE HARDIE,
Manager.

BEYERS and HOLTERMANN'S STAR OF HOPE GOLD-MINING COMPANY (Limited).
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Special General MEETING of Shareholders convened for December 19th instant, stands ADJOURNED to MONDAY, December 30th instant, at 3 p.m., at the Company's Office, 177, Pitt-street, Sydney.
By order of the Board.
GEORGE HARDIE,
Manager.

WILLIAMS GOLD-MINING COMPANY (Limited).
NOTICE is hereby given that a Special General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Exchange, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 1879, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering and adopting, or otherwise, certain resolutions then to be submitted for amalgamating this company with the North Williams, G. M. Co. Limited.
By order of the Board.
GEORGE HARDIE, Manager.

Religious Announcements.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, CHRISTMAS DAY.
HOURS OF DIVINE SERVICE.
Morning, at 11; evening, at 7.30.
Morning Preacher, The Bishop of Sydney.
Evening ditto, The Dean.
Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.
Ditto ditto, 11 a.m.
The morning offertory will be in aid of the fund for the widows and orphans of the clergy in the Sydney diocese.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—Special Divine SERVICE will be held THIS (Christmas Day) MORNING, at 11 o'clock, in the Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street.

WILLIAM-STREET WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Choral Service. TO-NIGHT, half-past 7. Solos and Choruses from Handel's "Messiah." Preacher, Rev. GEO. LANE; Organist, Mr. T. W. CRAVEN. Collection in aid Sunday School
JOSEPH WEARNE,
JOHN HARDY.

BALMAIN WESLEYAN CHURCH, Darling-street, SERVICE OF SONG, THIS EVENING, entitled "Christmas Chimes."
Singing by Sunday-school children and church choir.
Admission, 1s.
To commence at 7.30.
CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, Newtown.—MUSICAL SERVICE by the Choir and Organ, TO-DAY, at 11 o'clock.
Address by the Rev. JOHN OSBORNE.

KENT-STREET PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—Service of Song. EMANUEL, THIS EVENING. Admission, FREE. Collection at the close.

Lectures.

MRS. CONSTABLE
will LECTURE, on FRIDAY EVENING,
at THE GUILD HALL.
Subject: NUNS AND NUNNERIES.

LECTURE.—Mrs. DILLON will LECTURE, at the Protestant Hall, on MONDAY NIGHT, at 8, upon the persecutions she has endured from Priest FOLEY'S people since she refused to burn the Protestant Bible at his request. Also his testimonials compared.

Volunteer Notices.

NEW SOUTH WALES VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.
The members of the above Corps, exclusive of Recruits, will PARADE under the new regulations, on SATURDAY, the 4th proximo, at 3.30 p.m., in the Inner Domain. Undress uniform.
By order,
J. E. O. TAUNTON, Captain,
and Adjutant V.A.

FIRST REGIMENT VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.—Members who have joined under the new regulations (Recruits excepted) will PARADE at the Victoria Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. SATURDAY, 11th January, 1879. White patrol jackets, forage caps, with puggarees
Pattern of cap, with puggaree, to be seen

Amusements.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT. TO-NIGHT.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

GRAND SACRED FESTIVAL.

GIORZA'S MASS No. 3.

SELECTIONS FROM MESSIAH AND STABAT MATER.

PROGRAMME.—PART I.

Mass Solemnelle, No. 3, by Signor P. GIORZA

1. "Kyrie"—Quartette.....Miss BESSIE HARRISON, LADY AMATEUR, Mr. J. HINCHY, Mr. WILKINSON, and CHORUS
2. "Gloria"—Duet..... LADY AMATEUR, Mr. W. SULLIVAN, and CHORUS
   a. "Laudamus"—Quartette ..... Miss HARRISON, LADY AMATEUR, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. WILKINSON, and CHORUS
   b. Gratias Agimus ..... CHORUS
   c. "Domine Deus" ..... Mr. WILKINSON
   d. "Qui tollis" ..... Signora FABRIS and CHORUS
   e. "Qui sedes et Quoniam"—Duet...Mr. WILSON, and Mr. FLYNN
   f. "Cum Sancto" ..... CHORUS
3. "Credo"—Quartette.....Miss HARRISON, LADY AMATEUR, Mr. HINCHY, Mr. WILKINSON, and CHORUS
   a. "Et incarnatus est" ..... Signora FABRIS and CHORUS
   b. "Et resurrexit" ..... CHORUS
   c. "Et Iterum" ..... Mr. J. HINCHY
   d. "Et Unum Sanctum" ..... Miss HARRISON
   e. "Et Expecto" ..... CHORUS
4. Offertory Salutaris" ..... Mr. WILSON
5. "Sanctus" ..... CHORUS
   a. "Benedictus"—Duet ..... Signora FABRIS, Mr. WILKINSON, and CHORUS
6. "Agnus Dei"—Duet ..... Miss HARRISON, Signora FABRIS, and CHORUS.

INTERMISSION—TEN MINUTES.

PART II.

1. Inflammatus ..... Signora FABRIS and CHORUS
2. Ave Verum (Millard) ..... Mr. D. KELLY
3. Angels Ever Bright and Fair .....Miss BESSIE HARRISON
4. Ecce Deus ..... Mr. WILKINSON
5. Comfort ye my people } (Messiah) ..... Mr. J. HINCHY
   Every Valley ..... }
6. Hallelujah (Messiah) ..... CHORUS.

Mr. T. BANKS, Organist.
Mr. F. MAXTED, Pianist.

CONDUCTOR.....Signor BARTOLOMEOTTI.

Prices: Dress Circle, 3s; Stalls, 2s 6d; Family Circle, 2s; Pit and Gallery, 1s.

Box plan now open at Elvy and Co.'s music warehouse, 321, George-street, where seats can be secured.

FRANK MAXTED, Director.
J. W. KAVANAGH, Manager.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

Stage Manager ... ... Mr. Edmund Holloway.

BOXING NIGHT, 26th December.
THE PANTOMIME
of
ROBINSON CRUSOE
will be repeated.

Miss LYDIA HOWARD as ROBINSON CRUSOE.
Mr. BLAND HOLT as JIM COCKS,
and CLOWN.
Mr. EDMUND HOLLOWAY as WILL ATKINS.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
Dress Circle, 3s; stalls, 2s 6d; family circle, 1s 6d; pit, 1s.
CHILDREN.
Dress circle, 1s 6d; stalls and family circle, 1s; pit, 6d.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.
On account of the holidays the Box Plan will be at the Theatre office on Boxing Day, where tickets may also be purchased for all parts of the house.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
FIRST MATINEE,
SATURDAY, 28th December.
JOHN BENNETT.

GUILD HALL.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

By Special Desire.
GRAND DISSOLVING DIORAMIC VIEWS.
LIFE OF OUR SAVIOUR.
Beautiful Limelight Effects.
Sacred and Appropriate Music and Singing.
Organ Recital.
Front seats, 3s; back, 2s; gallery, 1s.
See programme yesterday's in HERALD.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

ATHOL GARDENS, NEW YEAR'S EVE,
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Also, Also,
ATHOL GARDENS, NEW YEAR'S NIGHT,
ATHOL GARDENS, NEW YEAR'S NIGHT.

EBENEZER SCOTT,
of WAVERLEY,
Begs to announce to the public that he has arranged for
TWO GRAND DISPLAYS of FIREWORKS,
TWO GRAND DISPLAYS of FIREWORKS,
Also, PROMENADE CONCERTS,
and ILLUMINATION of the GROUNDS.
Further particulars shortly.

GRAND EXCURSION
to
BROKEN BAY,
on
BOXING DAY.

The I. S. N. Co.'s steamship HUNTER will leave the Phœnix Wharf, foot of Erskine-street, at 9.30 a.m., returning to Sydney in time for the evening's amusement. Brass Band engaged.
An excellent Luncheon provided at moderate charges.
Return Tickets—Adults, 5s; children, under 12, 2s 6d.
To be had at the principal hotels in town and suburbs.

EXCURSIONS ON PARRAMATTA RIVER.

PARRAMATTA STEAMERS.

Commodious steamers will leave King-street, every hour and Parramatta every hour. Picnic parties and excursionists may rely on not being overcrowded, and will find reserves with shade and water at Gladesville, Ryde, and Parramatta.

INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION GROUND, MOORE PARK.

Under the Patronage and in the Presence of
His Excellency the Governor,
The Chancellor and Members of the Senate of the University,
The Committee of the Cricket Association.

THURSDAY (Boxing Day), and FRIDAY, 26th and 27th December.
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
v.
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

SATURDAY, 28th December,
11 OF COMBINED UNIVERSITIES
v.
11 OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

On THURSDAY (BOXING DAY), the gates will be open at 10 a.m., and the game will begin at 11 sharp. There will be an adjournment for lunch at 1 o'clock. Pass checks out will be issued between 1 and 2. The water is laid on to the ground, and may be obtained by picnic parties in any quantity.
The German Band has been engaged to play during both matches.
A telegraph office will be on the ground, and the progress of the match between the ENGLISH ELEVEN and the VICTORIAN TEAM in MELBOURNE, will be made known at intervals throughout the day.
Omnibuses will run at frequent intervals along Pitt-street direct to the ground from 10 a.m.
Admission.—To the Ground, 1s.
To the Grand Stand and Lawn, 1s.

On SATURDAY play will begin at 10 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—All horses and vehicles must be removed from the Ground by 10 a.m. each day.
R. M. SLY, Hon. Sec.

PICNIC PARTIES are strongly recommended to visit the ASSOCIATION GROUND on BOXING DAY.

THE SCORES in the MATCH between the ENGLISH ELEVEN and the VICTORIAN FIFTEEN will be TELEGRAPHED direct to the ASSOCIATION GROUND.

THE GREAT MATCH on the ASSOCIATION GROUND.—All Vehicles must ENTER by the NORTHERN and LEAVE by the SOUTHERN GATE.

IRON DUKE C. C. v. Balmain ALEXANDRIA C. C.—Meet at Sir Joseph Banks' Hotel Ground, TO-MORROW, at 10.15. Blackman, Foskett, Morgan, Munro, Quill, Rose, Siddins, Stevens, Sutton, Saunders, Walters. H. J. FOSKETT, Hon. Sec.

THE following MEMBERS of Nos. 1, 2, and 3. FIRE COMPANIES, meet quarter to 2 o'clock TO-DAY, George and Market streets:—Andrews, Davis, B. George, Smedly, P. Carroll, W. Wyatt, Chippendall, Smart, Lovely, H. Kippax, Walsh, Souter, Dobson, Gunter, M'Kellar. Emergencies—Frenchly, Gordon, R. Kippax, Hamlet, and Cavendish, for Newtown Match.

CHESTER C. C. v. CLIFTON C. C.—Meet at Elizabeth and Cleveland streets, quarter to 2 sharp. E. M. TORR.

FITZROY C. C. disengaged TO-MORROW, Alderson's Ground. Apply at once, 128, Campbell-street.

HAWKESBURY RACES.

BOXING DAY—THURSDAY, 26th December, 1878.

The following will be run for:—
MAIDEN PLATE, 100 sovs., 15 entries; to start at 1 p.m.
SAPLING STAKES, 100 sovs., 32 entries; to start at 1.45 p.m.
HAWKESBURY HANDICAP, 200 sovs., 38 entries; to start at 3 p.m.
PRINCE OF WALES' STAKES, 70 sovs., 14 entries; to start at 3.45 p.m.
MEMBERS' PURSE, 80 sovs., 23 entries; to start at 4.30 p.m.

EXCURSION TRAINS will leave Redfern at 8.50, 9.5, and 10.25 a.m., for which the return fares will be 4s.
A fourth train, consisting of first-class carriages only, will leave Redfern at 11.20 a.m., and will run, without stopping, to the racecourse. Fares, 12s.
A limited number of tickets only will be issued at the Redfern station and Central office.
Visitors will, as usual, be landed at the entrance gates.
Trains will return immediately after the last race.

C. S. GUEST,
Sec. H. R. Club.

PICNICS. PICNICS.

SIX-ROOMED COTTAGE to LET, in MOSSMAN'S BAY, for the holidays.
Licensed Victuallers wishing to transfer their Licenses, can apply to
JEAN BIANCONI,
324, George-street.

MOSSMAN'S BAY.

Messrs. Bay Steamer leaves CIRCULAR WHARF every HALF-HOUR on HOLIDAYS, and every HOUR on SUNDAYS.
FLORENCE and BUNGAREE will run alternately.

SYDNEY MUSICAL UNION,

Grand Performance of Handel's sacred Oratorio,
"MESSIAH,"
at
under the conductorship of Herr Josef Kretschmann,
at the
THEATRE ROYAL,
THIS (CHRISTMAS) NIGHT, Wednesday, 25th December, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Principal Singers:
Signora ANTONIETTA LINK,
distinguished pupil of the Conservatorio of Leipzig, and celebrated Prima Donna of the Imperial Opera Houses of Berlin and Vienna, and of the Royal Theatre of La Scala in Milan.
Miss MARIE ST. CLAIR,
new and favourite young Contralto, from Melbourne;
Signor ARTURO STEFFANI,
the popular Basso;
Mr. T. E. JAMIESON.

In addition to the above artists, the committee have received the kind and voluntary co-operation of members of church choirs in Sydney and suburbs, and have strengthened their orchestra by engaging the services of the musicians of the Theatre Royal.
Chorus and Orchestra—150 Performers.

Tickets—Dress circle, 10s; Stalls, 5s; upper circle, 3s; pit, 2s 6d.
The office for the sale of tickets will open on the night of the performance at 7.30. Persons having secured their tickets beforehand will be admitted a quarter of an hour earlier.
W. MULLER.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lessee and Manager ... ... Mr. Samuel Lazar
Stage Manager ... ... Mr. B. N. Jones
Leader of Orchestra ... ... Mr. W. Rice
Scenic Artist ... ... Mr. W. J. Wilson.

GRAND PRODUCTION
on
BOXING NIGHT,
TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th,
at
THE ROYAL PANTOMIME,
entitled
HEY-DIDDLE-DIDDLE,
THE CAT AND THE FIDDLE,
THE COW JUMPED OVER THE MOON;
or,
HARLEQUIN SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE,
A POCKET FULL OF RYE,
and
FOUR AND TWENTY BLACKBIRDS BAKED IN A PIE.
Originally written by
GARNET WALCH,
but altered
LOCALISED, PLAGIARISED, TREATISED,
TEMPORISED, SATIRISED,
Not WARRANTISED, but ADVERTISED,
by
SAMUEL LAZAR,
who not wishing to SYNONOMISE, trusts that it will be
NOWISE! OTHERWISE! STERNALISED!
LEASTWISE! IMMORTALISED!
LIKEWISE! RECOGNISED!
and
LIBERALLY PATRONISED!
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THE SYDNEY PUBLIC.

THIS PANTOMIME
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SAME SUPER EXCELLENCE
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BEAUTIFUL
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MUSIC.
ELEGANT COSTUMES.
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WILSON'S SPLENDID SCENERY.

MARCHE and EVOLUTIONS
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The
TREE OF LIFE,
by
40 CHILDREN.

For
CASTE OF CHARACTERS
and
SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY AND EVENTS
See SYDNEY MORNING HERALD of Monday last.

THE BOX PLAN
is now open at the
THEATRE ROYAL OFFICE,
where
SEATS CAN BE SECURED
and
TICKETS PURCHASED.
Dress circle, 5s; stalls, 3s; family circle, 2s; pit, 1s.

THE FREE LIST
ENTIRELY SUSPENDED
during the
PRESS EXCEPTED.

FERN BAY. PRIVATE PICNIC

BOXING DAY.

Steamers start from foot of King-street at 10, 10.45, 11.35, 12.30, and 2 p.m.; from Woolloomooloo Bay 10 a.m. sharp; and from Darling-street, Balmain, at 11 30, 12.30 p.m.
Cricket, quoits, Swing, Merry-go-round, &c., provided. Full band engaged.
THOS. MAGNEY, Hon. Sec.

BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1878.

Pleasure parties will find suitable conveyances and reliable horses, with or without drivers. Book early to secure what you require, at our old established premises. 85, Bligh-street.
HAWKES and CO.

BOXING-DAY. BOXING-DAY.

COOGEE BAY HOTEL.

GRAND GALA DAY.

SYDNEY CITY STRING BAND specially engaged.
DANCING ON THE LAWN.

Quoits, skittles, croquet, swings, and other sports.
A cold luncheon will be provided from 12 noon.
Tea, coffee, and sandwiches to be had.
Picnic parties supplied with the best wines, spirits, &c., at WHOLESALE PRICES.
The NEW LINE of 'BUSES leave the Exchange, for COOGEE BAY, every quarter of an hour from 9 a.m.

THE MOST PLEASANT RIDE OUT OF SYDNEY.

ATHOL GARDENS, Chowder Bay, on CHRISTMAS DAY.

Fast and Commodious steamer KATE, leaves Circular Quay, calling at Woolloomooloo, at 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.
Return tickets, 1s.

CRICKET GROUND, Camperdown.—To LET, on SATURDAY next. Apply Friday, 378, George-street.

BOXING DAY.—WATSON'S BAY.

GREENWICH PIER HOTEL.

Grand Band.

Dancing in large Pavilion.

Skittles. Foot Races. Sack Races. Climbing the Greasy Pole.
And other Sports
too numerous to mention.

A Sandwich and a Glass of Sparkling Ale for Sixpence, at the Bar.

ON CHRISTMAS and BOXING DAY.—BOATS for HIRE, at WATSON'S BAY.
For Fishing Parties and others.
Apply on Swansea; and G. ROSE.

BOXING, DAY. BOXING DAY.—CARRIAGES plying for hire to all parts of the suburbs from Milson's Point.
GEORGE WATERHOUSE, Proprietor.

THE Young Australian BAND will perform THIS AFTERNOON in the Botanic Gardens.

TATTERSALL'S CUP.

The CONSULTATION on above event closes positively on FRIDAY next, 27th instant. Fee, £1.
E. E. JONES,
Tattersall's.

BOXING DAY. BOXING DAY.

OMNIBUSES and WAGGONETTES can be engaged for PICNIC PARTIES at reasonable rates.
Apply at the Glebe Office from 10 to 11 a.m., or 3 to 4 p.m. TO-MORROW (Christmas Day).
SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS CO. (Ld.),
72, King-street.

BADEN BADEN HOTEL, Coogee Bay, W. E. RUST, proprietor (late of Sandringham), begs to inform his friends and the public that he has OPENED the above first-class HOTEL and GARDENS for the accommodation of wedding parties, families, and gentlemen.
Wedding breakfasts, picnics, and dinners prepared in a superior style. Sea bathing, with fresh water baths. Stabling accommodation first-class, with good paddocks for horses.

BOXING DAY
MANLY.
IVANHOE PARK.
SPORTS. SPORTS. SPORTS.
Cricket, Quoits, Football, Skittles, Croquet, Swings, &c.
FREE. FREE. FREE.

Climbing the Greasy Pole.
Greasy Pig Chase will come off at 3 o'clock.
Dancing. Dancing. Dancing.
A first-class String Band engaged. Admission to the pavilion One Shilling. Refreshments of the first quality can be had on the grounds, and at the Ivanhoe Hotel.
T. ADRAIN, Proprietor.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

GRAND ANNUAL EXCURSION
on
BOXING DAY, December 26, 1878,
to
CROWDER BAY,

A fleet of steamers engaged, and will ply from Circular Quay foot of Pitt-street every half hour during the day, 1st steamer at 9.15 a.m., the last at 2.15 p.m.
BRASS BAND and National Musicians.
Tickets—Adults, 2s. Children, 1s.
J. J. GILCHRIST, Secretary.

FERN BAY PICNIC.

The present committee who are responsible for Debts and the Conducting of same, consists of Messrs. H. and T. Magney, J. Measde, and T. Coll.
THOS. MAGNEY, Hon. Sec.

BILLIARDS. BILLIARDS.—PUNCH'S HOTEL. Mr. LEWIS KILKENNY will play a well-known Sydney Amateur on THURSDAY EVENING next, at 8 o'clock. Admission, 2s 6d.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT
of
Messrs. S. LAZAR and J. H. RAINFORD.

Stage Manager ... ... Mr. B. N. Jones.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
The management has great pleasure in announcing that a special engagement has been entered into with the celebrated London Character Actor,

Mr. SAM EMERY,
of the theatres Royal, Covent Garden, Drury Lane, Lyceum, Princesses, Haymarket, Adelphi, Olympic, St. James', &c., whom the London Times describes as the Frederick Lemaitre of England, who will make his first appearance in Sydney on
BOXING NIGHT, December 26,
in the only authorised version of the late Charles Dickens' "Dombey and Son," dramatised by Andrew Halliday, and now entitled

HEART'S DELIGHT.

Cap'en Ed'ard Cuttle, mariner of England (his original character) Mr. SAM EMERY.

Extract from Letter of Charles Dickens, jun.
"Office of 'All the Year Round,' 26, Wellington-street, Strand, London, 30th August, 1878.
"My dear Mr. Emery,—I wish you a pleasant voyage, and all success in Australia, and I congratulate the colonists in having the opportunity of seeing some of my father's most famous characters played as you alone can play them. I feel sure of your success. With all good wishes, very faithfully yours,
"CHARLES DICKENS."

First Appearance in Sydney
of
Mr. SAM EMERY
in
HEART'S DELIGHT.
Originally produced by Mr. Emery at the GLOBE THEATRE, LONDON, and in which he will sustain his original character of

CAPTAIN CUTTLE.
HEART'S DELIGHT.

Mr. Dombey, "too stern and pompous in appearance to be a prepossessing" ..... Mr. J. Bartlett
Mr. Carker, "with a smile like the *snarl* of a cat" ..... Mr. J. West
Cap'en Ed'ard Cuttle, "mariner o' England, a very salt-looking man indeed," (his original character, and his first appearance in Sydney) ..... Mr. SAM. EMERY
Sol Gills, an elderly gentleman in a Welsh wig ..... Mr. Leslie
Walter Gay, a lad of promise ..... Mr. H. N. Douglas
Mr. Toots, it's of no consequence ..... Mr. F. Medus
Jack Bunsby, he was christened John for short ..... Mr. L. Booth
Mr. Brogley, an ugly customer ..... Mr. Chrias
Rob-the-grinder, what have I done to be looked at like that! ..... Master Wilson
Mr. Dombey's servant ..... Mr. Brown
Monsieur's servant at the hotel, Dijon ..... Mr. Vincent
Edith Dombey, you are a proud woman ..... Miss Myra Kemble
Florence, as grown and yet so altered ..... Mrs. F. Medus
Susan Nipper, nipper by name and nipper by nature ..... Miss Docy Mainwaring

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY, &c.
Act 1.—SOL GILLS' PARLOUR AT THE WOODEN MIDSHIPMAN.
Signals of distress—A very ugly customer—The man in possession—"Cheer up Sol, Captain Cuttle's the man!"—Change of wind—Amazing artfulness of Captain Cuttle—"Ho! For the Port of Dombey and Son."
RECEPTION ROOM AT Mr. DOMBEY'S.
Poor Mr. Toots and the dog—Pathetic narrative—"But it's of no consequence."
LIBRARY IN Mr. DOMBEY'S HOUSE.
The interview—The repulse—The doom—Ho! For the Port of Barbadoes!
Act 2.—THE WOODEN MIDSHIPMAN.
Flight of old Sol—"Here's a pretty Situation!"—Bad tidings—"The good ship, Son and Heir, gone down with all hands"—Captain Cuttle breaks down—Our last hope is gone with poor Walter.
Act 3.—DINING-ROOM IN THE HOTEL AT DIJON.
At bay—Treachery counteracted—The pursuit, no escape but one—Poison.
Act 4.—OLD SOL'S PARLOUR.
The Cap'n alone in his glory—The little wanderer—"Come to the fire, my pretty!"—The mysterious visitor—The wondrous letter which the Captain reads—Hope revived!—"Ah! But he's drownded, ain't he?"—The deep gives up its prey!—THE DEAR OLD CHRISTMAS BELLS!!!
NOTE.—The absorbing interest developed scene by scene in this most carefully constructed drama, renders it necessary for the management respectfully to advise THAT THE SEATS BE OCCUPIED AT LEAST TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE CURTAIN RISES at 8 o'clock each evening.
Carriages may be ordered at 10.30 p.m.
NO ALTERATION
in
PRICES.
Dress circle, 3s. Stalls, 2s. Pit, 1s.
NO FREE LIST,
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SCHOOL OF ARTS.

Lessee and Manager ..... Martin Simonsen.

CHEEVERS, KENNEDY,
and
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THIS EVENING, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25,
NO PERFORMANCE.

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the above Company will appear in their
UNRIVALLED MINSTREL PERFORMANCE
Unrivalled Minstrel Performance
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TO-MORROW, THURSDAY,
LAST NIGHT BUT ONE OF THE
PRESENT PROGRAMME.

GEORGE LINGARD, Agent.

ATHOL GARDENS.—TO-MORROW, BOXING-DAY,

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Committee who have conducted the Picnics at Chowder Bay for
THE LAST EIGHT YEARS
beg to inform the public that the SECOND of the
POPULAR FAMILY PICNICS
of this SEASON will be held at
ATHOL GARDENS,
on
BOXING DAY.

FULL PROGRAMME OF SPORTS
and
AMUSEMENTS,
TWO SPLENDID BANDS.

The ever popular PARRAMATTA VOLUNTEER BAND, and the favourite well-arranged GOOD TEMPLAR BRASS BAND.

TAKE NOTICE—DANCING ALL DAY in
TWO LARGE PAVILIONS.

EXTRAORDINARY ENGAGEMENT!
Mdlle. ZULA. Mdlle. ZULA.

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MARVELLOUS TRAPEZE PERFORMER,
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Also, in her latest
SONGS and DANCES,
will perform morning and afternoon.
Also at Athol. Also at Athol.

The STAR and XLCR MINSTRELS' GRAND COMBINATION COMPANY will be at Athol, introducing side-splitting Comic Negro Sketches, Burlesques, Funnyisms, &c.
Also the AUSTRALIAN VARIETY TROUPE will be at Athol. Entirely new budget of Comicalities.
Grand OPEN-AIR CONCERT and Miscellaneous Entertainment.
DANCING and lots of fun all day.
Delightfully cool shady retreats all over the grounds.

ADULTS' TICKETS 1s 6d
CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS ... ... 1s.

NOTICE.—Return tickets will be issued at Athol, which must be given up on returning, or else you will have to pay again.

Look at the fine fleet of Steamers, the splendid KIAMA, PRINCE OF WALES, LILLY DENHAM, KATE, and others, every five minutes, from Circular Quay, and Woolloomooloo Bay.
First boat starts at 8 o'clock; last at half-past 2.
First return, half-past 4; last, 7 o'clock.
For family parties, plenty of cool fresh water.

COME EARLY. NO WAITING FOR STEAMERS.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY STEAMERS ALL DAY TO ATHOL.
Woolloomooloo Bay Steamers all day to Athol.

FRIENDS MAY RELY UPON STEAMERS.

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FULL DAY'S AMUSEMENT.
FUN and ENJOYMENT FOR ALL.
Country Visitors and Excursionists could not do better than take a trip to this admired spot and view the
GRAND and MAGNIFICENT SCENERY,
and have a glimpse at the Prince's Tree, or a walk in its retired nooks under the splendid shady trees, having a few hours pleasant recreation on the
BEAUTIFUL GRASSY LAWN,
or a stroll on the splendid SANDY BEACH,
skirted by the placid waters of the
BEAUTIFUL BAY,
and gather SHELLS of the OCEAN, varied and of every hue.
Tiring of that they can trip the light fantastic in the
GRAND PAVILION,
to the music of the YOUNG AUSTRALIA BRASS BAND, under the management of the paragon of M. C.'s,
Mr. JAMES CHAMBERS.
In anticipation of a large attendance the proprietors have engaged the commodious steamers,
COMMODORE, BREADALBANE, and others,
leaving Circular Quay, 9.30, and every half-hour til 2.30. Last trip from Clontarf 6 p.m. Return fare, 2s; children, 1s.
Hot and cold water provided. No hawkers allowed.
W. and T. MOORE.

BLUE POST RACES, FOREST ROAD.—Mr. FULLJAMES, Proprietor.—BOXING DAY, 26th, 1878.

First Race, 12 o'clock sharp.
First Race—Maiden Plate, 1¼ mile, £5.
Second Race—Blue Post Handicap, 1¼ mile, £6.
Third Race—Prince of Wales Handicap, 1¼ mile, £6.
Fourth Race—Consolation Stakes, 1¼ mile, £4.
Fifth Race—Hurry Skurry Race, 1½ mile, £3.
JOHN WILLIAM ELLIOTT, Secretary.

MR. C. BAILEY'S Quadrille Assembly Rooms, Castlereagh-street, open on Boxing Night, 8 o'clock sharp.

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To commence at 2 p.m., to continue to 6 p.m.

BLONDIN. BLONDIN. BLONDIN.
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The Original Australian Blondin
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The following are the feats never performed before in the colonies:—
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WALKING ACROSS BLINDFOLD
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GREAT CHAIR FEAT
Great Chair Feat
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CARRYING A LADY ACROSS THE ROPE
Carrying a Lady across the Rope
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GRAND MONKEY and CHINAMAN'S ACT
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&c. &c. &c.

GRAND SLACK WIRE ACT
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CITY UNION BAND
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Masters of the Ceremonies:
Mr. WILLIAM KING
SIGNOR RANCHERO.
Gentlemen are not allowed to dance together.
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Any person infringing this rule will be expelled from the pavilion.
To insure respectability the proprietor has determined to charge 2s 6d admission.
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The whole under the personal supervision of
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SOUTH, of the Crystal Palace Ice Cream Shop, Parramatta-street, begs to inform his friends and the public that he has arranged with the proprietor of the above grounds to supply Tea, Coffee, Ice Creams, Pastry, and Fruit throughout the day, at Sydney prices.

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HENRY ELLIOT, of the Haymarket, begs to inform his friends and the public that he has arranged with the proprietor to supply Oysters on the grounds throughout the day.
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SIXTEEN of the ASSISTANTS will be retained, and the ROYAL FURNISHING ARCADE will remain OPEN UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK FRIDAY AND EVERY EVENING UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.
THE GREAT RUSH of TRADE for PRESENTS and GIFT renders this step ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
W. B. CAMPBELL.

EXCURSION TO MANLY BEACH
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The new saloon steamer FAIRLIGHT
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Woolloomooloo, 10.30, 2.45
Manly Beach, 3.10, 12.3.
The last steamers will leave Circular Wharf at 5.30 p.m., and Manly Beach 6.30 p.m.
Fare—Return ticket, 1s; children half-price.

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CONTINENTAL NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT "STELLA.")

PARIS, Oct. 18.

Is it the chestnut-roasters that have brought back the cold winds of approaching winter, or the approach of winter that has brought back the Auvergnats with their charcoal-roasters of chestnuts, who have suddenly taken possession of their old standing-place during the last week? Both the cold winds and the roast chestnuts are come back in earnest, at all events. The sunshine is still splendid, the blue of the sky superb, and the beautiful gardens of the Exhibition, crowded with geraniums, sunflowers, dahlias, and scores of gay autumnal blossoms and coloured-leaved plants almost as gorgeous as flowers, are looking so lovely under the soft autumnal sunshine that it is positively grievous to think not only that the days of this wonderful show are numbered, but that there now remain so few of those days to number. The exhibitors are naturally impatient to get away with their treasures, and, despite the regrets of the public, it is very doubtful whether anything of their unparalleled collection will remain after the close of the present month. Preparations for the "solemnity" of the distribution of the awards are going on with great activity in the scene of the Exhibition of 1855; but that building is too small to admit more than about a quarter of those who ought to be present; and much disappointment is consequently in store for many. For instance, if all the exhibitors only were admitted, the building would be crammed twice over; so only the laureates are to have tickets, though every one whose efforts and goods have contributed to the grand total of the show ought in all justice to have the satisfaction of witnessing the ceremony.

As for the "National Lottery" for encouraging production, "and defraying the expenses of working men selected to visit the Exhibition," it has already sold the greater part of its fifth million of tickets! It seems rather late in the day to realize the latter portion of its programme; but if it expend the bulk of its gains in purchasing notable objects from the vast mass of admirable things now gathered under the roofs of the buildings so soon to vanish "like the baseless fabrics of a dream," the lottery society will have done good service to the grand affair of the year now so rapidly nearing its close.

One of the most interesting of the great industrial houses of France is that of the great printer, M. Mame, of Tours, one of the most important (perhaps the most important) printing firm in existence. This firm, which has already been established for three generations, and which will be continued into a fourth, if, as is to be supposed, the son of the present head of the house outlives his father, prints and turns out 40,000 volumes per day—that is to say, 6,000,000 volumes per annum; and every detail of the work turned out on so enormous a scale is admirably done—printing, binding, &c., all being the very best that is to be had for money. The bindings of this house are of most excellent quality; they use up 400 dozens of skins per month, in other words, a flock of 40,000 sheep would only supply this immense establishment with skins for a single year.

The organization of this printing-house is even more admirable than the splendid work it accomplishes in its special line.

"When I began my life," remarked M. Mance, one day, "I worked for money; after that, I worked for fame; I think I may say that now I work to do good."

M. Mance, in fact, appears to have been animated in his long and busy career by three great aims: first, to show, by the beauty of the work done by him, that France is second to none in the art of printing and binding books; second, to make books of a useful and ennobling character agreeable and pleasing to the eye; third, to improve the moral, intellectual, and social condition of the legion of workmen employed by him.

The great illustrated publications of this house are among the most splendid specimens of the art of bookmaking. "The *Touraine* is not a book, it is a monument!" exclaimed Theophile Gautier, one of the keenest critics and collectors of this century. "The illustrated books produced by the firm of Mance are the most perfect which have yet been brought out by private industry," says the great Parisian authority, John Lemoine. "Printers like M. Mance, says another eminent critic, Armanden de Pontmartre, are the glory of a province and the culmination of the renown of Gottenberg." The jury of the present Exhibition, in recording its judgment of the exhibits of this house, states that "they are masterpieces of altogether surpassing merit." The first aim of the head of the house has therefore been fully realised. That his second aim has been equally accomplished is proved by the vast number of excellent instructive and pleasant books brought out by him in attractive style. No work of an immoral or frivolous tendency ever obtains the honour of passing through his presses; and every book brought out by him is sure to present an attractive appearance. The third of hisgreat aims has been nobly attained by this eminent industrialist.

In order to substitute kindly personal relations between employer and employed in place of the bitterness, antagonisms, indifference, and jealousy too rife at the present day. M. Mance determined never to employ what may be termed chance labour. He takes no workmen into his employment except on the understanding that he will become a permanent member of the legion of printers and binders employed on his premises. As far as possible, he recruits his workmen from the apprentices who have grown up and learned their trade in his workshops; his apprentices are the children of the workpeople who have thus grown up under his eye and influence; the folders and stitchers are, without exception, the wives, daughters, and sisters of the workmen employed by him.

In the vast buildings of the establishment (the City of Mance, as it is called by the people of Tours) the head of the firm has founded infant nurseries, where the babies are tenderly tended while the mothers are busy in the workshops; schools for the children of various ages, of both sexes, where all receive gratis a thorough training in all the branches likely to be of use to them, and by which they acquire a sufficient knowledge of rudiments to be able to carry on their own subsequent education if desired to do so. There are reading-rooms, and excellent hospital arrangements, where the victims of disease or accident are treated gratis, by the resident physician, who is also the trusted medical adviser of M. Mance and his family.

In "the City of Mance" every married workman has his own house with a little garden in front, full of flowers, in which they all take great pride, and a little court behind, in which they keep poultry, rabbits, &c., or hang out their linen, at their pleasure. Every one employed by the firm is a partner in this sense, viz., that he or she receives each year a small share of the profits of the house in proportion with the amount of his or her wages or salary.

Each of the workpeople deposits 50 centimes (5s. sterling) each week to form a relief fund, from which, in case of illness or accident, they receive an allowance of two francs and a half per day while unable to work. The visits of the doctor, medicines, and appliances, &c., as already mentioned, are given gratis. There is a widows' fund which gives a pension to all widows for as many years as their husbands have worked for the firm. There is the Pension Fund, which provides a pension of £24 a year as a minimum for every workman over 60 years of age. Lastly, there is the famous Prudential Fund, organized four years ago, from which each receives, as already remarked, a share of the profits of the year in proportion to the amount of salary or wages. Of this share, two-thirds are given at once to each; the other third forms the Prudential Fund, from which allowances are made in cases of need; the whole of the sums thus held in the Prudential Fund for giving help in emergencies is returned to each workman or workwoman at the end of twenty years. M. Mame contributes the sum of 2250 francs to this fund yearly.

Thanks to these arrangements, every one of those employed by M. Mame is in comfortable circumstances, well provided for, and without anxiety for the future. The workpeople are all on excellent terms with their employers and with one another. Marriages are common between the workmen and workwomen; and many families of six, eight, or ten members may be seen busy in the same workroom.

Some hundred and fifty of the wives of the workmen are supplied with work at their own dwellings.

Besides all these institutions for the benefit of his workpeople, M. Mame gives to the poor of the town no less than £8000 in works of charity, every year. And with all this large and substantial generosity, he lives simply, inexpensively, bringing up his family in the same ideas, and employing his noble fortune in doing good.

The firms of Firuim-Didot, the eminent Paris printer, of the Ironwork of Guise, and a few others of equal importance, have made similar arrangements for the comfort and benefit of their workpeople; in all of these the practical results of these arrangements have been most excellent: a spirit of friendliness and contentment animates the *personnel* employed; quarrels, jealousies, strikes, &c., are absolutely unknown, and a state of things has been arrived at which constitutes an immense advance upon that which exists too generally between employers and employed.

The crowds at the Exhibition are constantly on the increase. Despite the great extent of surface presented by the totality of the enclosure, the latter during the last few hours of the day are so densely filled with inquirers, sightseers, and promenaders, that it is all but impossible to move the marvellous "electric pen" of the magician, Edison, like the Prince of Wales's Indian treasures, the jewels of the French Crown (?), the Persian Palace, the Suez Canal, and certain machines in motion and at work becoms positively unapproachable after 2 o'clock except by those whose patience enables them to compose the interminable queues that extend like serpents in their neighbourhood, moving slowly on towards a glimpse of each under the eyes and hands of a guard of policemen.

The "Persian Palace" is said to be a faithful reproduction, on a small scale, of what it professes to be. Every bit of surface is covered with ornament, mostly susceptible of being made to glitter by lamps at night. The walls of the rooms are hung with rich tissues, or incrusted with bits of lookinglass and coloured metals, forming patterns (often very tasteful), and that light up brilliantly at night. The roof of pointed arches in the principal saloon is formed of pointed cones of a silvery metal, all the points downwards, which reflect from their facets all the hues of the rainbow. The divans round the walls are covered with gold and silver embroidery, pearls, and silken flowers. The floors are covered with rich velvety carpets: the windows are open or filled with tiny panes of coloured glass. There are mirrors everywhere. One room, on the ground-floor, has a square basin with a plashing fountain, surrounded by exotic plants and a row of divans, the walls consisting of rows of ornate pillars and arches—altogether a veritable bit of the "Arabian Nights."

The other eastern dwellings—of Egypt, Algeria, Turkey, Tunis, Siam, China, Japan, &c.—are equally curious and characteristic. Some of them are more curious than inviting, but others are charming, and must be delightful, as habitations, in the warm and sunny climes to which they seem to transport us, and which call up visions of the brilliant flowers, birds, &c., peculiar to those climes, of effects of light and shade unknown to the dull regions of Western Europe, and of specimens of humanity and social ways and doings equally wide of their busy, mechanical, and jog-trot existence, in which the beautiful is too often divorced from the useful, as, in the more picturesque life of the East, the useful is too much forgotten in modes of life that seem to be too exclusively made for the eye and the ear of the few, and these the votaries of the *dolce far niente* that is so far from being a profitable occupation for the community in which it is carried on.

The wines and liqueurs of Spain have a most original and cleverly-managed palace, all to themselves. This palace simulates a vast and lofty grotto, the walls and roof of which are composed entirely of bottles (corks and stoppers downwards), so arranged that the light seems to transform them intorubies, sapphires, carbuncles, and all the other precious stones whose colours are to be found in the varieties of the liquid that betrayed the hero of the Ark. The tale of Aladdin probably suggested the idea of this astonishing edifice, one of the oddest and prettiest things in the great show. The walls and roof are completely hidden by bottles, most tastefully arranged in wire casings, which are so well disguised by the bottles they hold that the spectator sees nothing but the rich masses of colour thus presented. The inequalities of rockwork, the fantastic columns and stalactites of a grotto are admirably imitated by the masses of pendant bottles, full of their richly-coloured contents. The back of the palace has almost no solid wall, being formed almost entirely of the casings of wire holding the bottles, so that the light comes in brightly from that side, producing the most fantastic, rich, and beautiful effects of colour. This back part, railed in with a rope of crimson velvet, has a floor of looking glass forming a pool, with waterlilies on its surface, and fringed with grasses and iris. Over the whole of the interior wind long wreaths of the vine with their broad leaves and pendant clusters of grapes. All the grapes of the Peninsula are there—green, red, brown, purple, large, small, round, oval, or kidney-shaped, some of the bunches being of enormous size, like the pictures of the grapes of Eshcoll in old illustrated bibles, one of which was a load for two men, some small, all so lifelike that the visitors would fain examine them otherwise than by the eye.

The representative houses of the North (Sweden, Norway, Russia, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, &c.) are interesting as such, but by no means tempting as possible dwellings. Even the samples of old English cottages, &c., though curious and pleasant to peep into, would be voted dark, dingy, dull, and poky even by the cottagers, in these days of improvement. There are also fine models of improved dwellings for workpeople, asylums, hospitals, ambulances, schools, &c. Apiaries are largely represented; the insect world, the useful insects on one side, the destructive ones on the other, have a pretty house to themselves, with huge pictures of the terrible phylloxera in all its stages hung on the walls. District after district of the wine-growing region of France has been so thoroughly ravaged by this hideous pest that all the vines have disappeared, and the owners are now growing other crops. A very few years will suffice to annihilate the wine industry of France, if some method of destroying this deadly ravager be not speedily discovered. As the French method of cutting down the stems of the vine, thus weakening the plant by depriving it of its leafy lungs, while stimulating it to an increased production of fruit, will probably be found to be the cause of the morbid conditions that determine the production of the phylloxera; other countries which are adopting the French system of cutting and pruning would perhaps do well to renounce this imitation before their vines fall under the same doom.

Some of the most wonderful specimens of Chinese and Japanese art, being bought before the official opening had taken place, were either carried off by the buyers or put away in secret receptacles by the people in charge of these courts. Some of the marvellous vases and specimens of under-cutting in wood or ivory that were examined by your correspondent with equal interest and amazement when just out of their packing-cases, as they stood among all the blended confusions of place, persons, and things incident to the preparatory stage of an International gathering, have never been seen by the public, having been bought, and put or taken away, before the opening. Among the most wonderful samples of carving ever seen was a chair, on which a fishermen's net appeared to have been carelessly deposited, forming a thick heap upon the seat of the chair, and one corner hanging down and seeming to trail upon the floor. It was impossible, without touching this net, to persuade oneself that the whole was a sample of undercutting, the cords passing and repassing half-a-dozen deep exactly as would the meshes of the great long-in-use-fishing net so marvellously represented—chair and net being carved out of one solid piece of some dark eastern wood.

Italy has admirable carvings in wood and ivory; in fact, nearly every country seems to be trying its hand at these beautiful imitations of flowers, fruit, leaves, birds, insects, and fancies. China, India, and Japan are, it need hardly be said, alone in the peculiar carvings (especially in ivory) for which they have so long been pre-eminent. Italy shows a great panel of pear-wood, entirely covered by the meanderings of an exquisite expanse of delicate vegetation, with tiny birds, beetles, and butterflies that you almost expect to set quivering if you speak too loudly as you stand beside it. The charming pavilion of the little (but very ancient and very haughty) Principality of Monaco contains most admirable ivory carvings, of an almost ideal fineness and delicacy, besides the very beautiful pottery representing basket-work, with flowers of the natural size in full relief, the perfumes and the liquours and essences that constitute the major part of its exportable productions. But there are in the small pavilion of Madame Tang four specimens of wood-carving not, it is believed, to be equalled in this planet. These miracles of taste and skill are by her son, a mere youth, an only child, who died just as he was designing some still more miraculous samples of his art for this Exhibition. The mother, a widow, sits in the little temple she has erected to the genius of her lost child, dressed in deep mourning, and listens with mingled pain and pleasure to the wondering exclamations of all beholders as they stand in amazement before these productions, unique even among *chefs d'œuvres*. Every particle of these astounding carvings is cut out of the solid wood; every tiny fragile-looking stump, every leaf and bell that looks as though you could blow them away with a breath, is produced by undercutting. For a *plaque* of exquisite beauty, scarcely larger than a hand, Miss Lang has been offered £1000; but she knows, by the expressed opinions of all the best judges who have seen these marvels, that they will one day fetch four times as much, as suggestive models, in museums, and she will sell none of them at present. They have been awarded a gold medal; and they are declared by the jury to be, so far as they know, the most wonderful triumphs of the carver's art extant. There are stems of leaves and flowers, so hair-like in their delicate grace, that one would not dare to touch them; how can they have been cut out of the block of wood of which they form part, by fingers and tools, without breaking? And the leaves and flowers that hang from these hair-like stems? And the birds, the flies, the insects, that form part of the wonderful whole? The snail with its fine horns, that seem to vibrate as you watch them, and the butterfly, that seems to be flying away as you watch it.

THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF FRANCE.

The *Bulletin de Statistique* publishes a table of the imports and exports of France year by year, with annual ten-year averages, from 1827 to 1876, which is very interesting at this moment, when an International Exhibition, aiming at the extension of trade among nations, is coming to a close, and it will soon be time to inquire whether its object is so far attained as to induce countries whose tariffs tend to prevent international traffic to modify them in the interest of freer exchange. In 1827 the total general commerce, imports and exports together, amounted to 1,168,000,0000f.; in 1876 it amounted to 9,456,000,000f. Of course, the figures of 1827 cannot be accepted as perfectly trustworthy. The mean annual value of exports and imports during the ten years ending 1830 was 1,366,000,000f. By the end of 1845 it was 2,112,000,000f. In 1848 it fell from 2,340,000000f., the value of 1847, to 1,645,000,000f. In 1855 and 1856 there was a considerable rise, owing to the exigencies of the external events of that period. In 1856 the value was 5,399,000,000f.; but the mean annual value by the end of 1856 was only 3,175,000,000f. In 1857 the, so to speak, artificial growth of the general commerce due to the Crimean war still continued. In 1858 came the relapse. In 1859 it again amounted to over 5,000,000,000f. Then came the Treaty of Commerce, the American troubles, a period of prosperity for France, which brought up the mean annual value by the end of 1868 to 6,280,000,000f. In 1869 it amounted to 8,000,000,000f. In 1870 and 1871 there was an immense falling-off; the amount sank to 6,954,000 000f. in 1870, and rose again slightly in 1871. In 1872 it rose to 9,258,000,000f., exceeding the amount of 1869. This table is very eloquent, and the story it tells is the more painful as since 1872 the rise has only been to 9,456,000,000f. Before the Franco-Prussian war every two or three years brought an additional thousand millions to the trade of France, but it has taken five years since then to add 200,000,000f. This is not the only warning the table gives. Figures are inexorable; there is no way to tone them down. They are harsh monitors; and many a decline in the table in question will outlive declamations which have told the same tale with all the glow of passionate eloquence. As the chances of peace rise, so ascend the figures; as its chances waver, the figures fall. In 1867 and 1868 there was doubt in men's minds; smouldering embers seemed as if they would burst into flames; the Empire was tottering; the imports and exports fell. In 1869 the Emperor endeavoured to save himself by submitting as far as he dared to the exigencies of the nation. The imports and exports rose. In 1870 his found the game was almost lost; he tried his last chance; he sacrificed the nation, and it has not yet recovered from the shock. In 1873 and 1874, when the political horizon was again threatening, the imports and exports fell from 9,399,000,000f. to 9,125,000,000f.; in 1875 they had not recovered, and stood at 9,269,000,000f. There are other figures belonging to the domain of vital and moral statistics which also follow the fluctuations of the political barometer, but none are so sensitive as those of trade. Especially is this the case in France, whose wealth in politicians and parties cannot be reckoned among the productive elements which forward her material well-being. It is precisely this spasmodic character of French foreign commerce which makes it difficult to follow its development with a view to tracing the effects on it of free trade. That it did injury to French commerce is not true, for from 1860 to 1865, before feelings of distrust penetrated the nation at large, there was a rise from 5,800,000,000f. to 8,126,000,000f.—a rise of more than 2,000,000,000f. in six years, while the rise during the six years preceding 1860 was under 2,000,000,000f. Now seeing that the burden of proof devolves on those who question what is otherwise an acknowledged boon to the consumer, this is argument enough. But there is another source of interest in the table of imports and exports in question. Comparing the increase of French trade with that of English trade, the precious metals being in the English as in the French case excluded, a view is got of the rise of wealth in France which often escapes observation. In 1854, the year when the first complete British statistics of imports were obtained the total imports and exports amounted to £268,200,000; in 1875 it amounted to £655,500,000, or more than double that of 1854. In 1854 the French total imports and exports amounted to 358,000,000f.; in 1875 to 9,269,000,000f. They had also more than doubled. The population of England had increased; that of France would have gained two millions had it retained its lost provinces. It is now about the same as in 1854. If the increase of foreign trade is, as is believed, to be taken as an indication of rising wealth in a country, then the prosperity of Frenchmen is increasing at a higher rate than that of Englishmen, and no wonder need be expressed at the appearance of wellbeing, which strangers often think must be only on the surface.

CENTRAL ASIA AFFAIRS.—The *Turkestan Gazette* has received news, dated 1st July, from the native force which the Russians have posted in the valley of the At-Bash, to observe the course of affairs in Kashgaria. The letters sent refer chiefly to the suppression of the insurrection in Khotan, a pacification procured by the Chinese at no small cost. A division of 3000 men, which marched under the command of the Turfan Commander-in-Chief from Aksu to Khotan, suffered a great defeat, and were annihilated by Serts, who rose in insurrection under the leadership of the former Khotan ruler, Niaz Beg, of whom we have often heard. Fresh Chinese troops, to the number of two, or two and a half thousand, were despatched from Yangishahr to Khotan to suppress the insurrection, and thus Tsun Tsan was left in Yangishahr with only about 600 Chinese troops, while in the villages surrounding Kashgar there were no Chinese at all. The flight to our territory of the well-known Mulla Turan Khoja which led to the reinforcement of the former Chinese posts along the Chakmak road, and to the establishment of new ones in the Turugard, Terakti, Korumduk and Kogart Passes, left the Aksakal Khosanjambai to bear the chief burden of responsibility. The latter was security for Turan Khoja, and was accordingly put to torture by order of the Chinese Governor of Kashgar. He only escaped after five or six days suffering, and by paying a heavy ransom. After this the Chinese publicly executed the youngest son of Yoosh Beg, together with the Sarikol Beg, and the Khirghiz chief Alif Beg, who had risen with his dependent Khirghiz against Tsun Tsan. At the same time the Chinese ordered the caravan which had set out for Khokand to return to Kashgar.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—An important decision was given on Tuesday in the Jersey Royal Court, in an action for dower, brought by the widow of a man who had married his deceased wife's sister. The deceased was Mr. George Gallichan, who, on the death of his second wife, in 1876, married her sister, who had for a length of time kept house for him during the illness of his wife. A fortnight afterwards he died suddenly in a fit of apoplexy. She now sued the guardian of the principal heir of her late husband for her dower. The claim was refused on the ground that the marriage was null and void in law, the relationship of the husband and wife being within the prescribed degrees of consanguinity. The plaintiff's case was that, according to the Jersey law, the marriage, though voidable, was not null *ab initio*. It was pointed out that when the English law on marriages of this nature was passed, the Act of Parliament was not registered in the Royal Court of Jersey, and therefore could not have the force of law on that island. The evidence given before the Royal Commission during the inquiry into the law and practice of Jersey was cited in support of this view. It was further argued that the validity of the marriage could be questioned only during the lifetime of the contracting parties, and that no one had a legal right to step in now and make an objection to it. The marriage had been contracted with the knowledge of all the relatives, and after the opinion of the Crown officers had been obtained that it would not be contrary to law. The case was heard on appeal before the full Court (seven Judges), of whom five confirmed the judgment of the inferior number (two Judges), maintaining the validity of the marriage and requiring the defendant to pay the dower. An appeal to her Majesty in Council was entered.—*Times*, October 17.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctor's bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to *resist every* tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*. Sold only in packets labeled—"JAMES EPPS and Co., Homœopathic Chemists London."—ADV

LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.

TEMPLE V. HILL.

The following are the reasons for the judgment of his Honor Mr. Justice MARGARIVE:—This case was argued before the full Court, on the 12th and 13th days of December, 1878, when Mr. Justice Faucett concurred with me in favour of the defendant; but as the plaintiff has recently obtained leave to appeal to the Privy Council, it now becomes necessary for me to give my written reasons for my judgment of last year. At the close of the argument I stated—firstly, that in the case of Hogan v. Curtis, decided by this Court on the 5th September, 1867, the late Chief Justice (Sir Alfred Stephen), Mr. Justice Faucett, and myself had fully considered all the authorities on the present case, and then decided unanimously in favour of Curtis; and secondly, that it seemed to me that the two important English cases of Hampden v. Walsh, 1 L. R. Q. B. Division, p. 190 (1876), and Diggle v. Higgs, 1 L. R., Exch. Div. 423 (1877), were the only cases since our judgment in Hogan v. Curtis, requiring consideration. I will first in my present reasons to set forth my judgment in Hogan v. Curtis, as reported in vol. vi. Supreme Court reports, p. 292, as follows:—"The first question upon this demurrer, viz., as to the legality of this 'wagering contract,' is far too clear for argument; nor, indeed, was the legality of the contract disputed by the plaintiff's counsel at the argument; the proviso at the end of our 82d section of our Games and Wagers Act, 14 Vict., No. 9 (following the 18th section of the English statute 8 and 9 Vict., cap. 108, commonly called Lord George Bentinck's Act), clearly protecting this contract as 'a subscription or contribution for or towards any plate, prize, or sum of money to be awarded to the winner or winners of any lawful sport, pastime, or exercise.'" It is only necessary, therefore, for me to state:—First, that all the authorities and statute law relating to the legality of horse-racing *per se*, as the lawful subject matter of contracts, were reviewed at great length in the judgment of Rolfe, B. (now Lord Cranworth), in Appiegarth v. Colley, and subsequently in the two judgments of Lord Denman, in Bentinck v. Connop, and in Greville v. Chapman. And secondly, as to the authorities upon the legality of a wagering contract, and the possibility of either party repudiating its terms, the main point contended for by the Attorney-General; in Emery v. Richards, Pollock, C. B., said, "This race is perfectly legal. If so, according to the decision of this Court in Applegarth v. Colley, the contract is valid, and the plaintiff has therefore no right to recover back his stake, but must wait the event." Barons Parke, Alderson, and Rolfe were of the same opinion, "against the right to repudiate." This notion of "repudiating" a lawful wagering contract seems to have arisen from Marryat v. Broderick, in which Parke, B., says—"The stakes remain in the hands of the stakeholder to abide the result;" and "even supposing the plaintiff entitled to recover his own stake, at all events he ought to have demanded it back before the race was run," and this supposition appears to have been the foundation of the plaintiff's argument on this demurrer. The subsequent authorities, however, have long since settled this supposition against the plaintiff. Thus, in Marryat v. Broderick, Alderson, B., thus distinguishes an illegal from a legal wager, "that he could understand the power of rescinding an illegal wager, but not a legal wager." "Wherein," he asks, "does a legal wager differ from any other legal argument?" When it has been performed by one party, how can the other rescind it? The same distinction had been previously noticed by Littledale, J., in Hastelow v. Jackson, but the power of repudiatation is clearly confined to illegal wagers. So in Marryat v. Broderick, Parke, B., doubted whether the authority of an arbitrator was "a countermandable authority. In Eltham v. Kingsman, Lord Ellenborough certainly applied that principle to the case of a stakeholder; but I very much doubt its applicability." And Alderson, B., also distinctly said, "The authority of a stakeholder is not countermandable." Neither the general power to repudiate a legal wager, nor the specific dictum of Lord Ellenborough, upon which the plaintiff's counsel relied, can therefore be maintained as law since Marryat v. Broderick. Nevertheless, at the argument, the plaintiff contended that Varney v. Hickman was an authority for the repudiation of any wager, whether legal or illegal, if the repudiation took place before the event was ascertained. But in that case, firstly, Maule, J., expressly and primarily decided that the wager itself was illegal, and rendered void by the first part of the section now under consideration; secondly, it was not contended in Varney v. Hickman that the proviso applied to that case as is admitted here; thirdly, Maule, J., expressly says (p. 281)—"this plaintiff insists that the sum he seeks to recover is money which belongs to him, and which the defendant has no right to keep, and which he is under no legal or moral obligation to pay to anybody else," and the judgments of Cresswell, J., and V. Williams, J., also plainly rest their decision on the illegality of the contract; fourthly, in the present case we have the express terms of the contract as to the forfeiture of the deposits, so as to exclude any power of repudiation; fifthly, we have in the same volume of the C. B. Reports the case of Batty v. Marriott, which is quite conclusive as to the present point. Wilde, C.J., there says:—"I feel perfectly safe in holding that this plaintiff is not entitled to recover back the sum deposited by him, inasmuch as there was no illegality in the contract upon which it was deposited. Horse racing was not meant to be put down, yet, if two persons only run their horses one against the other, for a sum of money, it is directly a wager. This case seems, however, to come distinctly within the words of the proviso. In no case can a party who has paid money upon a legal contract withdraw from that contract at his pleasure. Colman, J., Cresswell, J., and V. Williams, J., all concurred in this judgment, and the plaintiff was nonsuited. The proviso of the section was also subsequently much considered in Parsons v. Alexander, by Lord Campbell, C. J., Coleridge, J., Erle, J., and Crompton, J. With regard to the two Irish cases cited during the argument—The first, Irwin v. Osborne, in which Batty v. Marriott was referred to, following Parsons v. Alexander, was an action of debt against the defaulter on a simple bet (wholly unprotected by the proviso to the 18th section). The plaintiff was nonsuited, there being, as the Judges said, "No subscription, no contribution, no deposit." Compton, J. also adding:—"An agreement made by three persons cannot be revoked by one of the parties without the assent of the other parties. The exception is made in what I may call a particular species of wagering, namely a number of persons making a fund, the whole of which is to become the property of the successful party. That sort of transaction is exempted from the allegation of illegality, but here there is no averment in the plaint to bring this case within the exception; there was no contribution, it is a mere wager and the plaintiff cannot recover. In the other Irish case of M'Elwaine v. Mercer Batty v. Marriott was not mentioned, though cited in Irwin v. Osborne, which was mentioned and fully considered by the Court. In this case, however, the plaintiff was nonsuited on two grounds, viz., the illegality of the contract, and the want of repudiation by the plaintiff. Upon these two grounds it is well to observe the very luminous language of Monaghan, C. J. After reviewing the authorities and pointing out that Hastelow v. Jackson was decided on the common law principle in relation to money deposited with a stakeholder, to abide an illegal wager, and that in such a case the money deposited by one of the parties might be held to have never ceased to be his, until it was paid over with his assent to the supposed winner; and that the bringing of the action was a sufficient demand, and that no previous repudiation of the illegal purpose was necessary: and pointing out that the statute expressly enacts "that no action shall be brought to recover any money deposited to abide the event of any illegal wager," the Chief Justice says "it may be held according to the opinion of the Court of Pleas, in the case of Varney v. Hickman, that until the depositor has done some act repudiating the purpose for which the money has been deposited, it continues to be money deposited for the illegal purpose, and is therefore irrecoverable; but that when the depositor has done an act of repudiating the purpose for which the money has been deposited, and demands his own stake, it ceases to be money deposited for the illegal purpose, and is recoverable. The plaintiff should have been nonsuited at the trial, the wager being illegal, and he not having repudiated it previous to the trial." Nothing can therefore be clearer to me than this long and consistent list of authorities against this demurrer. The very recent case of Wilson v. Jones (February, 1867) may also be cited as still further illustrating the statute under consideration, and the necessity of maintaining the strong distinction between bets or wagers in the acceptation of those terms which are illegal per se, and legal wagering contracts, which are perfectly legal in the sense of contracts, and are to be classed with policies of insurance as the following extracts from Wilson v. Jones show:—"The distinction," said Willis J., "between a wagering contract and one which is not wagering, depends upon whether the person making it has or has not an interest in the subject matter of the contract." And again, at page 146, the same eminent Judge said:—"If it be meant that this contract would be within the 8 and 9 Vic., c. 109, we must reject that agreement, for that statute has no application to a contract upon a matter in which the parties have an interest. It relates to betting upon a mere future event, not to contracts of indemnity, which, though they may be properly classed with wages in the scientific distribution of law, are differently dealt with in its practical administration." To the like effect are the observations of Blackburn, J., at p. 150, who "agreed in all that Willes, J., had said," Mr. Justices Mellor, Montague Smith, and Lush also concurring. The reported authority upon this subject is the case of *Savage v. Madder*, which appears to have been decided by the present Lord Chief Baron Fitzroy Kelly, and Barons Martin, Bramwell, and Channell, on the 10th June last, and is distinctly against all actions on mere bets. The Chief Baron said that looking to "The language of the 18th section of the Act, it was quite clear that contracts in respect of gaining and wagering were uncould be brought to enforce the recovery of a sum of money deposited in the hands of a person to abide the event of a wager. In this case it was equally clear that there had been such a deposit of money, and therefore the plea was a good defence to the action." Baron Martin was also of opinion that the defendant's third plea was good, and that it gave effect to the precise intention of the Legislature, which went to the prevention of trials in Courts of Law in respect of gambling contracts. If people bet they must take the chance of getting their money; such contracts must be contracts purely of honour, and the assistance of the Courts should not be invoked to uphold them." Mr. Baron Bramwell and Mr. Baron Channell concurred in these judgments. Having thus carefully considered the authorities on this matter, I remain of the same opinion that I was at the hearing of this demurrer, viz., that it ought to be overruled. Since I delivered this judgment in Curtis v. Hogan, in 1867, the two important English cases of Hampden v. Walsh. L. R., 12. B. Division, p. 190 (1876), and Diggle v. Higgs, 1 L. R., Exchequer Division, p. 423 (1878) have reached this colony, the last of which would appear to overrule Batty v. Marriott. It seems to me, however, that as the subject matter of the contract in Diggle v. Higgs was a walking match, which is clearly a lawful pastime, the plaintiff had no right to recover his deposit; and with the most profound respect for three eminent Judges Lord Chancellor Cairns, Sir Alexander Cockburn, and Lord Justice Bramwell, who decided Diggle v. Higgs, I hope it will not be presumptuous for me to say that I cannot see how the plaintiff could recover back his deposit on a contract as to a lawful pastime without in effect repealing the proviso protecting such contracts from the general words of the Statute against Wager and Gaming. In the case of Hampden v. Walsh the proviso had no operation, the wager being as to the curvature of the earth; the plaintiff therefore had a clear right to recover his deposit, being on a mere illegal wager prohibited by the general words of the Statute and unprotected by the proviso. As this appeal is to their Lordships of the Privy Council, this Court and each of the Judges of this Court seems to me to be at full liberty to express our judicial opinions in this matter, notwithstanding the decision in Diggle v. Higgs.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.—TUESDAY.

(*Before Mr. District Court Judge* WILKINSON.)

HELMRICH V. BUCHANAN.

This was an action to recover £36 3s. for work and materials. Mr. Rogers appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sly for the defendant. Judgment was given for £20, paid into Court.

RAMSAY V. NUTMAN.

This case was struck out.

LAWSON AND ANOTHER V. HOUSTON.

An action to recover £20 for shaft and pulleys, &c. A verdict was given for the amount sued for.

SWANSON V. SIMPSON.

An action to recover £30 for slander. A verdict was given for the defendant.

FAGAN V. OGDEN.

This case was settled.

HALLAM V. HUTCHINSON.

An action to recover £17 10s. for goods sold and delivered, and work and materials. The plaintiff, after a long hearing, was nonsuited.

The Court then adjourned.

LAW NOTICES.

INSOLVENCY COURT.

Friday, December 27, at 11 a.m.—*Before the District Commissioner*: At Maitland, Henry Walter Weale, first and only; at Bathurst, George Clarke, same; at Bega, James Maples the elder, the same.

Monday, December 30, at 11 a.m.—Before the District Commissioner: At Mudgee, Joseph Archer, first only; John O'Neil, jun., same; Donald M'Lean, same; at Orange, James Cronen, third.

Tuesday, December 31, at 11 a.m.—Before the District Commissioner: At Wagga, Anna Dunne, first and only.

POLICE.

At the WATER POLICE COURT, yesterday morning, before Messrs. Neale and Hogan, *Edith Dudson* and *Mary Ann Wilson* alias *Daley*, both 16 years of age, were charged with stealing 35 yards of Chinese silk and a fan valued at £3 2s. 6d., the property of Robert Archibald. Both prisoners were brought before the Court under the Habeas Corpus Act, they being at Darlinghurst gaol undergoing sentences of nine and three months' hard labour respectively for previous offences. The robbery appears to have been traced to the prisoners by their own confession, for on the 11th instant, while they were in custody on another charge of larceny, the prisoner Dudson told constable Williams that on the morning of the previous Sunday she and her companion had entered an unoccupied house in Bourke-street, and had taken a fan and roll of silk from a box in one of the bedrooms, which she had left at a boarding-house kept by a Mrs. Rogers, in Clarence-street, where the prisoners had been lodging. On making inquiry, this statement was found to be perfectly correct, and the articles were recovered, and identified by Mr. Archibald as his property, which had been missed from 586, Bourke-street, of which house he was the tenant, but which was unoccupied at the time of the robbery during the removal of himself and family. Both prisoners were committed to take their trial at the ensuing Court of Quarter Sessions.

Before Messrs. Neale and Blair, a young man named *Thomas Bohan* pleaded guilty to stealing a book from the shop of Richard Cole, and was fined 10s., with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

LICENSING BUSINESS.—Before Messrs. Neale, Ridge, and Blair: Transfers of publicans' licenses were granted from Michael Walsh to William Howell, and from Samuel Harris to Alfred Easy; temporary extensions of publicans' licenses were granted to Richard Watson, Charles Halstenberg, and William Service.

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

The hearing of this case was yesterday resumed and brought to a close.

Sydney Brown, recalled, cross-examined by Sir G. Innes: I did not see a second man called Miller; the goods came to me, after the sale and the entry has been made in the books; I have nothing to do with the sale or the purchaser until the sale has been effected; M'Cullum was not present when the goods were delivered to the vanman; I saw him in my room on the same day that the last of the goods were delivered; I did not go to Ultimo with the goods; I never went there; I received the key from M'Cullum before the dispatch of the first load, and I gave the key to Cox; I had sent one load to Harris-street when M'Cullum brought me the key, and I afterwards gave the key to Cox, the vanman; to Rogalsky Miller gave his address as No. 2, Macquarie-street South; he said that the key would be found at the next house; I saw him on the morning of the day of the delivery of the first load, but never since; they were all new goods, none were second-hand.

By Mr. Want: All the goods were marked in plain figures; any other purchaser would have been served with the same goods at the same prices; some of the tickets were marked M'Cullum on the reverse; no private marks are used.

Joseph Ives, recalled by Sir George Innes, re-sworn and deposed: I have seen the twenty-seven cases in which sales have been made by Hardy, Brothers through Himmelhoch; I know them, and where they can be found; some have been paid entirely, and others are still running.

By Mr. Want: This is a risky business; Himmelhoch has sometimes been "let in," but not by Hardy's customers; I do not think he has lost by more than a dozen customers; about once in two months he has to secure himself by seizing the furniture; Friedman's clerk, who w

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 24.

Mermon, ship, 849 tons, Captain Wass, from New York 23rd August. R. Towns and Co., agents.

Woonona (s.), 600 tons, Captain Morwick, from Launceston 21st instant. Bulli Co., agents.

Fiery Cross, schooner, 300 tons, Captain Taylor, from Mauritius 19th November. Montefiore, Joseph, and Co., agents.

Sea Nymph, barque, 289 tons, Captain Brady, from Noumea 15th instant. Passengers—Messrs. Kelly, Upright, Hinch, and Oxenburgh. Montefiore and Montefiore, agents.

Spirit of the Age, barque, 347 tons, Captain Johnson, from Melbourne 14th instant. Captain, agent.

Ballina (s.), 300 tons, Captain Bedford, from the Macleay 22nd, and Port Macquarie 23rd instant. Passengers—Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Phillips, Miss Chapman, Miss Cahill, Miss Sime, Miss Secomb, Miss Mason, Messrs. G. Vergn, Watt, Powel, Frost, Hunt, Parish, Olliffe, Foghian, Lovel, Fenwick, Macquarie, Byrnes, Lancaster, Roberts, Marshall, Thomas, Fryer, Secomb, and 23 in the steerage. C. and H. R. Co., agents

Day Springs, schooner, 199 tons, Captain Braithwait, from South Sea Islands. Passengers—Rev. Mr. Neilson, Mrs. Neilson and 2 children, Rev. Mr. Nott, Mrs. Nott, Rev. Mr. M'Pherson, Mrs. Braithwait, and 2 natives in the steerage. Rev. Mr. Goah, agent.

Diamantina (s.), 200 tons, Captain Herron, from the Manning, 23rd instant. Passengers—Mrs. Haggete and daughter, Miss Gilmore, and 4 in the steerage. H. D. Portus, agent.

Hunter (s.), 310 tons, Captain Walker, from Clyde River and Ulladulla 23rd instant. Passengers—Mrs. M'Phail, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Kinz and child, Miss Kenny, Mrs. Fogarty, Mrs. Cruickend, Miss Lankey, Miss Starkey, Mrs. Daley, Miss O'Hehir, Miss Pinney, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Seccombe, Miss Newman, Messrs. A. King, Daley, Smith, Green, Hogan, Staunton, Murray, Starkey, Drury, Bourke, M'Caffery, Ward, J. D. Bourke, E. J. Keele, T. H. Bellemys, E. Seccombe, Organ, Mason, Edwards, Taylor, Allen, and 6 in the steerage. I. S. N. Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 24.

Avoca (s.), for Melbourne.
Macedon (s.), for Melbourne.
Ly-ee-Moon (s.), for Melbourne.
Keranjie (s.), for Melbourne.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 25.

Cairnbulg, for London; B. F. Watson, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—DECEMBER 23.

Normanby (s.), 644 tons, Captain Ellis, for Hongkong via Townsville and Cooktown. Passengers—12 in the steerage.

Taufahau, schooner, 135 tons, Captain Thyme, for Port Mackay.

Ly-ee-Moon (s.), 1000 tons, Captain Brown, for Melbourne: Passengers—Mrs. Gregory, Master Gregory, Mrs. Preston, Messrs. J. Wittkowski, M. Jolly, M. Roberts, Pattie, W. Smith, and 12 in the steerage.

DECEMBER 24.

Avoca (s.), 903 tons, Captain Almond, for Melbourne. Passengers—For Southampton: Commodore A. H. Hoskins, Mrs. Hoskins, and 4 servants. For Venice: Mr. M. Chadwick. For Suez: Hon. James Gibbons, Mrs. Gibbons. For Galle: Mr. and Mrs. Croquier. For King George's Sound: Mr. and Mrs. Jay and 3 children. For Adelaide: Professor Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Garran. For Melbourne: Mrs. Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Simpson, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Brayley and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall, Mrs. Tenby, Miss C. Moore, the Hon. James White, Messrs. D. D. Roop, Bailey, Townsend, De Satge, Blundell, J. F. Donaldson, Karett, W. Simpson, Munro, Knapman, A. G. Finlay, J. S. Hayes, James Cook, S. A. Joseph, Edwards, Cameron, J. Power, J. Gulick.

Keranjie (s.), 777 tons, Captain M'Petrie, for Melbourne. Passengers—Messrs. M'Culloch, J. Gullick, and 12 in the steerage.

B. F. Watson, barque, 993 tons, Captain Hawkins, for Hongkong via Newcastle. Passengers—Mrs. Hawkins, Master Hawkins.

Tasman (s.), 490 tons, Captain Lyon, for Hobart Town. Passengers—Mrs. R. and Miss King, Masters King (2), and servant, Miss Bifron, Mrs Raphael and child, Mrs. Pearson, Miss Pearson, Rev. E. G. Hodgson, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Davidson, Miss Fisher, Mrs. A. J. Ingram, Mrs. Myles, Miss Myles, Mrs. Dovie, Captain W. C. Daldy, Mrs. Hardie, Miss Hardie, Miss Collins, Master Brown, Messrs. A. J. Pope, J. F. Skinner, A. J. Weigall, J. J. Saller, P. Miller, R. F. Callen, F. Brown, T. J. Fisher, D. Fisher, A. Tighe, F. Scotch, Myles, A. Chisholm, S. H. Doric, Collins, and four in the steerage.

Macedon (s.), 600 tons, Captain Ashford, for Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. R. J. Thorp and 3 children, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. J. Munro, Mrs. Davis, Miss E. Wright, Mrs. W. Wright, Mrs. W. Panton, Messrs. G. Robertson, A. Som, R. T. Harris, J. Stead, Horsee C. Rogers, J. Campie, W. Penton, Captain Cashian, G. Sharp, J. Earl, J.D. Miller, C. E. Butterfield, and 20 in the steerage.

COASTERS INWARDS.—DECEMBER 24.

Kemhla (s.), from Newcastle, with 120 bales wool, 45 bales hay, 200 cases soap, 30 sacks onions, 5 casks wine, and sundries; Saxonia (s.), Vibilia, and Scotia, from Newcastle, with 730 tons coal; Dairymaid (s.), from Shellharbour and Gerringong, with 193 bags butter, 57 calves, 18 pigs, 4 coops poultry, 10 boxes eggs, 100 sides bacon; Annie Brooks, from Berrima, with 7000 feet timber, 250 bags bark, 18 kegs butter, 200 cheeses, 14 hides, 14 bags bacon, 30 hams; Amphitrite, from Richmond River, with 195,000 feet pine logs; Whaup, from Cape Hawke, with 14,000 feet timber, 40 bags maize, 8 bags oysters, 2 coops poultry, 12 ths honey, 6 boxes eggs, 4 hides, 9 logs cedar; White Cloud, from Manning River, with 16,000 feet timber, 64 bags maize; Pelican (s.), from Brisbane Water.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—DECEMBER 24.

Eagle (s.), Saxonia (s.), Vibilia, and Scotia, for Newcastle; Dairymaid (s.), for Shell Harbour and Gerringong; Pelican (s.), and Guiding Star, for Brisbane Water; Annie Brooks, for Berrima; Whaup, for Cape Hawke.

IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 24.

[A special charge is made for consignees' sanconsidments in this column.]

Mermon, from New York: 760 packages hardware, 965 packages oilstores, 1000 cases kerosene, 128 packages brooms, 250 casks resin, 267 cases turpentine, 30 casks hard oil, 113 cases bitters, 900 cases clocks, 700 cases sarsaparilla, 293 cases perfumery, 47 cases books, 20 casks ink, 40 cases drapery, 127 cases chairs, 22 cases carriages, 294 packages woodware, 200 cases glass, 221 packages tobacco, 16 cases saddlery, 61 packages castings, 75,000 slates, 4815 packages.

Woonona (s.), from Launceston: 78 tons tin ore, 4 packages leather, 5 packages.

Fiery Cross, from Mauritius: 9068 bags 11,480 pockets sugar.

Sea Nymph, from Noumea: 3626 bags copra, 2 tons coffee, 40 bags beans, 58 bags ivory nuts, 3 bales wool, 7 packages pearlshell, 47 packages bones and horns, 310 bags maize, 222 hides, 20 casks cobalt.

Ex Zealandia: 42 cases Pacific rubber paints—Buzacott and Armstrong.

Ex Aconcagua (s.): 27 packages—Wilson, Tait, and Co.

Ex Inchgreen: 39 packages—Wilson, Tait, and Co.

Ex City of Carlisle: 35 packages—Wilson, Tait, and Co.

Ex Leander: 34 packages—Wilson, Tait, and Co.

Ex Aconcagua: 4 cases electro silver, &c.—Hardy, Brothers, 23, Hunter-street.

EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 24.

Taufahau, schooner, for Port Mackay: 3 casks wine, 120 bags rice, 27 kegs nails, 1 cases galvanized iron, 2 centrifugals, 100 bags flour, 1 case ink, 4 bundles shovels and spades, 6 casks hatchets, 52 packages machinery, 24 casks manure, 18 packages rope, 2 bundles steel, 65 bars iron, 18 axle arms and boxes, 8 springs, 2 bundles scrolls, 6 anchors, 4 kegs spikes, 24 plough-wings, 3 packages drapery, 60 bundles wire, 5 kegs paint, 650 bales mats, 3310 firebricks, 50 tons coals and sundries.

Victoria (s.), for Queensland and Northern ports: 134 packages wines and spirits, 80 gunnies 42 bags sugar, 253 cases jam, 42 packages beer, 2 cases biscuits, 2 cases glass, 3 bales paper, 4 bales hay, 8 bags bacon, 1 case muskets, 3 cases drapery, 16 kegs butter, 2 boxes type, 162 bags 10 tins potatoes, 6 cases milk, 2 bales hardle, 21 boxes raisins, 40 bags rice, 6 cases mustard, 4 boxes blue, 4 casks crystals, 2 cases sauce, 29 bales chaff, 3 cases honey, 3 packages boots, 3 cases onions, 84 cases kerosene, 1 case opium, 1 case tobacco, 16 truck wheels, 4 cases fish, 3 packages tea, 3 bags guano, 105 bags flour, 2 chests drawers, 1 safe, 1 case saddlery, 10 bars iron, 2 barrels currants, 2 cases cheese, 1 case chicory, 1 phaeton, 1 buggy, 225 cases fruit, and sundries.

Tasman (s.), for Hobart Town: 6 packages wine, 10 mats dates, 10 kegs nails, 129 bundles rattans, 1 bale harrows, 60 hides, 1 bag seed, 9 packages rope, 13 bags oysters, 17 bags maize, 8 packages drapery, 8 tubes, and sundries.

Macedon (s.), for Melbourne: 11 metal columns, 20 casks molasses, 7 trunks boots, 1683 bags maize, 20 crates bottles, 112 bags oysters, 13 baskets prawns, 1 box tea, 1 case plants, 1 length chain, 30 kegs nails, 1 roll mats, 20 bales wool, 283 cases fruit, and sundries.

Avoca (s.), for Melbourne: 7 boxes gold, 8417 oz., 2 boxes silver coin ($900), 2 packages drapery, 1 case stationery, 6 bales carpets.

Keranjie (s.), for Melbourne: 65 boxes candles, 29 cases handles, 26 empty casks.

CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Entered Outwards, December 24: Aconcagua (s.), 2447 tons, Captain Conlan, for London, via Melbourne and Adelaide; Brisbane (s.), 891 tons, Captain Reddell, for Hongkong and Singapore; Macedon (s.), 832 tons, Captain Ashford, for Melbourne; Resolute, schooner, 65 tons, Captain M'Kee, for Brisbane.

The Hunter (s.), from the Clyde and Ulladulla, reports having experienced a southerly gale and high sea on the passage. She brings up 165 kegs butter, 56 pigs, 5 calves, 20 cases eggs, 6 cases 3 crates poultry, 5 bags 1 case bacon, 15 bales 1 bag wool, 2 bales 4 packages leather, 4 cases biscuits, 6 cases fruit, 98 pieces timber, 160 bags bark, 68 bags oysters.

The missionary schooner Dayspring, which arrived last evening, is last from Aneiteum, whence she sailed 16th November. Very variable weather has been experienced.

The Diamantina (s.) crossed the Manning bar at 6.30 p.m. December 23, and arrived in Sydney at 4 p.m. December 24. She experienced strong southerly winds and heavy rain to Seal Rocks, from thence to Sydney light north-easterly winds and fine weather. Cargo: 200 bags maize, 30 bags oysters, 3 bales wool, 13 hides, 20 cases eggs, 12 coops fowls, 1 keg butter, and sundries.

The ship Mermon left New York on the 23rd August, and had a continuance of very adverse weather until rounding the Cape of Good Hope; from thence winds veering from N.W. to S.W.

The schooner Fiery Cross, from Mauritius, has had moderate winds and fine weather until passing Cape Otway, but from that point the winds have been very shifty in squalls, with very vivid lightning.

The General Pel (s.) arrived at Port Darwin from Batavia on the 22nd instant.

The Normanby (s.), hence for Hongkong, passed the Seal Rocks yesterday at 8.30 a.m., and the s.s. Victoria, for Cooktown, at 9 a.m.

Two barques, bound north, passed Gabo Island on the 23rd instant.

The Spirit of the Age, from Melbourne, is originally from Manila. She brings on a small portion of her sugar cargo.

The cargo of the Ballina (s.), from Macleay and Port Macquarie, consists of 1400 bags maize, 48 bags oysters, 24 bags potatoes, 7 bales wool, 224 pieces cedar, 4 quarter-casks wine, 1 horse and bugry, 16 cases eggs, 12 coops fowls, 43 hides, 47 pigs, and sundries.

The Woonona (s.), from Launceston 21st instant, reports leaving with a fine westerly wind, which continued to Bulli; from thence northerly weather.

The mails received via San Francisco, per R.M.S. Zealandia, consisted of 142 bags, exclusive of 66 sealed mails for other colonies:—Honolulu, 129 letters; San Francisco, 2112 letters, 3922 newspapers; other parts of America, 27 letters, 18 newspapers; London, 21,911 letters, 3462 books, 14,046 newspapers; from other colonies (New Zealand), 579 letters, 4 books, 180 newspapers; New Zealand Marine Officer, 13 letters, 20 books, 200 newspapers. Total, 24,571 letters, 3486 books, 23,336 newspapers.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: December 23, Swiftsure, from Mauritius; Lord Warden, from London; Hero (s.), from Sydney; 24, Cheviot (s.), from Sydney; Lady Darling (s.), from Newcastle. Departures: December 23, Omeo (s.), for Sydney; 24, Springbok, for Newcastle.

CLARENCE HEADS.—December 24: The Platypus (s.) passed, going south, at 2.30. Sailed: New England (s.), for Sydney.

BALLINA.—December 24: Sailed, 19 a.m., Richmond (s.), for Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrival: December 24, Sydney Griffiths, from Melbourne. Departures, December 24, Trongate, for Rangoon, with 930 tons coal; Nautilus, for Hobarton; Westeria, for Adelaide; Kermale, for Mauritius, with 400 tons coal; Sarah Ann, for Melbourne; Hebe, Industry, Crest of the Wave, Margaret Chessel, for Sydney; Lillian, for Port Stephens.

SYDNEY HEADS.

DATE.	TIME.	WIND.	REMARKS.
December 24.	8.30 a.m.	S.S.E.	Fine.
	Noon.	East.	Ditto.
	5 p.m.	N.E.	Ditto.

High Water at Port Denison, December 25—9.10 a.m.; 9.32 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.—DECEMBER 24.

South Australia: Cloudy, with westerly winds; squally with rain at Cape Borda last night, amount 0·05, now gloomy; 0·28 rain is reported from Alice Springs. Victoria: Generally with N.W. to S.W. winds on the coast; rain at Portland, 0·08; Cape Otway, 0·36; Wilson's Promontory, 0·10. New South Wales: Generally fine, but cloudy to north; raining at Clarence River, and rain has fallen over a considerable portion of the northern districts (see map), but it has not been heavy. Queensland: Brisbane, fine, clear; Cape Moreton, fine, N.W., with swell from N.E. 3 p.m. Observations.—Gale still blowing on the coast, and rather stronger at Portland; Melbourne, barometer fallen to 29·56, cloudy, boisterous; Portland, W., 40, squally, with rain, sea smooth; Cape Otway, N.W., 28, misty, rough sea; Wilson's Promontory, W., 23, cloudy, smooth sea. New South Wales: Wentworth, N.N.W., fresh, fine; Deniliquin, S., 14, fine; Albury, N.W., 10, fine, clear; Goulburn, W., fine; Forbes, N.W., fine and clear, 80; Eden, E.N.E., 20, like rain, sea smooth; Cape George, N., 30, fine, sea smooth; Sydney, barometer falling, weather very fine, E.N.E., 14, sea smooth. Newcastle, E.N.E., 10, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, S.S.E., 14, cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence River, calm, fine, sea smooth.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 25.—Sun rises at 4.49, sets at 7.11; moon rises at 5.54 a.m., sets at 8.24 p.m.; Mercury, 5.8 a.m., 7.9 p.m.; Venus, 5.11 a.m., 7.28 p.m.; Mars, 2.43 a.m., 4.35 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.44 a.m., 9.57 p.m.; Saturn, 11.33 a.m., 11.49 p.m. Full moon, 10th; new moon, 24th.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Customs duties received to-day were as follows:

Spirits	...	£1509	1 1
Wine, still	...	251	5 9
——— sparkling	...	11	5 0
Ale, porter and beer (in bottle)	...	194	3 0
Cigars	...	47	1 11
Tea	...	240	8 9
Coffee and chicory	...	17	0 0
Opium	...	46	10 0
Rice	...	8	15 2
Dried fruits	...	392	15 2
Malt	...	7	15 0
Specific duty	...	350	0 4
Gold	...	270	9 2
Pilotage	...	36	6 4
Harbour and light dues	...	57	17 8
Total	...	£3440	14 10

The shipments of specie per P. and O. steamer Avoca were—Bank of New South Wales, 8417 oz. gold; Bank of Australasia, £300 in silver coin.

The Fiery Cross, from Mauritius, with 12,446 mats sugar; and the Mermon, from New York, with 3000 cases kerosene and sundries, arrived to-day.

At the sharebrokers' meeting, this afternoon, it was resolved to adjourn until the 2nd of January. The business reported was not very large, and the prices realised were nearly all lower than before reported. In bank stock, there were buyers of City at 10¼, sellers at 10½; Commercial, buyers at 99, sellers at 100; Joint Stock, buyers at 13½, sellers at 13¾; New South Wales wanted at 48, offered at 48½; New Zealand sold at 21½, and closed with sellers at 10s. less; National of Queensland changed hands at £6 6s., and very offered at 6¾. Insurance shares dull at yesterday's quotations. Steam shares were also quiet. Accident had buyers at 1s. 6d., Mutual at 2s. 4d., and Sydney Marine at 2s. Gaslight, fully paid, wanted at 11, sellers at 11¼; and new issue, sellers at 5. Wallsend Coal were done at 16¾, and wanted, holders asking 17; Waratah offered at 6¾. Great Cobar Copper had buyers at 8s. 6d., sellers at 8s. 9d. Volunteer land orders were disposed of at 99½.

In the Import markets the only sales were at auction. Messrs. Fraser and Co. disposed of a quantity of Queensland sugars at from £23 to £27 15s. for ration, £28 to £31 for counters, and the immigrant stores, ex Hereford, at full rates. Sundry lots of damaged goods were also disposed of at fair prices. Business has now closed for the holidays, and the time intervening between this and the new year will be taken up with stock-taking and balancing.

By the mail just arrived we learn that shipments from England to the colonies for the month ending October 26 show a large increase, the aggregate being £1,720,500 against £1,265,200 for the previous four weeks. The value of exports to Sydney was £482,200, increase £24,000; to Melbourne £476,700, increase £146,600; to Queensland £71,200, increase £27,600; to South Australia £227,500, increase £72,900; to New Zealand £431,200, increase £179,700. The principal items to this colony were: Drapery, £241,955; gunpowder, 182 cwt.; bar and rod iron, 469 tons; hoop, 32 tons; sheet, 30 tons; plate, 85 tons; pig, 150 tons; galvanized, 268 tons; sheet lead, 97 tons; yellow metal, 14 tons; tinplates, 480 boxes; wire and wire rope, 246 tons; linseed oil, 14,372 gallons; woolpacks, £150; cornsacks, £1145; sawn boards, 189 loads; slates, 96 tons; cement, 2175 barrels; tobacco, 38,497 lbs.; bulk brandy, 22,883 gallons; case, 11,475 gallons; rum, 10,133 gallons; geneva, 10,701 gallons; British spirits, 13,749 gallons; red wine, 4378 gallons; white, 4297 gallons; bulk beer, 1065 barrels—bottled, 610 barrels; malt, 2370 quarters; hops, 253 cwt.; sardines, £1093; otherfish, £1325; oilmen's stores, £9751; salad oil, 1584 gallons; starch, £935; rice, 20 tons; white salt, 85 tons; soda crystals, 44 tons; caustic soda, 5 tons; candles, 1874 cwt.; raisins, 43 cwt.; currants, 3747 cwt.; loaf sugar, 171 cwt.; glucose, 322 cwt.

From New York, under date November 17, we learn that the Colorado cleared for Sydney, on October 24th, taking 3529 cases kerosene, 212 packages tobacco, 350 barrels rosin, 80,000 slates, 700 cases turpentine, 350 cases lobsters, and sundries. The Kioto, from Boston, November 2nd, has for this market, 100 cases kerosene, 675 packages fish, 120 packages tobacco, &c.; for Melbourne, 27,271 cases kerosene, 890 packages tobacco, and 300 barrels rosin were cleared. The clearances of kerosene for New Zealand during the month were 12,400 cases. The Rebecca J. Moulton and Christina Redman were loading at New York for Sydney when the mail left.

The sale of leather held to-day by Messrs. Maiden, Hill, and Clark was marked by great depression, and only a limited quantity sold. The prices realised were—Sole, 6½d. to 8½d.; kip, 12½d. to 15d.; calf, 1s. 9d. to 2s. 4d.; tweed, 20d. to 2s. 1d.; harness, 9½d. to 12d.; bag, 8s. 9d. to 10s.; bridle, 9s. to 10s. 6d.

Messrs. R. Goldsbrough and Co. report by telegram as follows:—

"We have sold two thousand one hundred bales wool this week at late rates, prices being firm and competition brisk. Our sales will be resumed on January 8, after the holidays. 3000 bales were sold to-day, and demand active."

LATEST COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

LONDON, DEC. 21.

Consols, 94¾; Bank rate of discount, 5 per cent.; market rate of discount, 5⅛ per cent.

Australian Tallow: Best beef, 35s.; best mutton, 38s.

Tin: Straits, £61; Australian, £61. Copper: Burra, £65; Wallaroo, £68.

Wheat, Adelaide, 50s. to 51s.; flour, ditto, 35s.

5 per cent. New Zealand Loan, 98; 6 per cent. Tasmanian ditto, 115; 4 per cent. Queensland ditto, 91; 4 per cent. South Australian ditto, 93; 4 per cent. New South Wales ditto, 98; 4 per cent. Victorian ditto, 93.

MINING.

A special general meeting of the shareholders in Krohmann's G. M. Co., Beyer's and Holtermann's G. M. Co., and Carroll and Beard's G. M. Co. were held in the Chamber of Commerce, to consider and adopt resolutions for effecting an amalgamation of the three companies. The necessary resolutions were carried in Carroll and Beard's Company, but owing to the want of a quorum in the other two companies the meetings were adjourned to Monday, 30th instant. About 130 shareholders were represented in Krohmann's and a similar number in Beyers and Holtermans, all of whom were unanimously in favour of the proposed amalgamation. It is, however, quite possible that this most desirable amalgamation may not be brought about owing to the apathy of the shareholders, many of whom will not even take the trouble to send in a proxy. In the event of failure the only course open to the shareholders will be the continuance of unremunerative operations until all available funds have been exhausted.

The pupils of the Conservatoire are bound to offer their services in the first instance to the theatres subsidized by the State as a return for instruction at its expense. The Minister of Fine Arts has had to take proceedings against Mdlle. Valliante, who made her *début* at the Brussels Opera, and M. Guitry, and each of them was mulcted in 15,000f. damages. The defence of the former was that she believed the Paris Opera had waived her services, and that the miserable salaries it offers do not cover the expense of an appearance on its boards.

The British Government has appointed Colonel Conway Gordon as delegate to the Commission for the demarcation of the southern frontier of Roumelia.

To the Public.—Professor STANIER cured my daughter of a severe deafness and pain in the ear, from which she was suffering about three years ago, and now she can hear the slightest whisper. Yours, truly, JULIA TIMMINS, Braidwood, December 19, 1878. Can be consulted at 144, Castlereagh-street North.—ADV.

My breasts were losing daily the allowance required to nurse my baby, who was failing away by the eye, and I found myself in the sad alternative either of weaning him at a season too dangerous for his health or to see him dwindling away from want of food. On this emergency I heard of DUSART'S SYRUP OF LACTOPHOSPHATE OF LIME, which I took. What was not my delight seeing in a short time my breast restored to a plentiful secretion and my baby improve in strength and health. I owe this public to stamony to the inventor of this precious medicine. Mrs. LOUNDES, Winchester.—ADV.

THE MAILS.

The Mails will close at the General Post Office as follows:—

FOR MELBOURNE.—Overland, daily, Friday excepted, 9 a.m.

FOR ADELAIDE.—Overland, via Melbourne, daily, Friday excepted, 9 a.m.

FOR HOBART TOWN AND LAUNCESTON.—Overland to Melbourne, and thence per steamer, daily (Friday excepted), at 9 a.m.

FOR MELBOURNE, and carrying a supplementary mail to overtake the P. and O. Company's steamer ASSAM.—Overland, this day, at 5 p.m.

FOR LEVUKA (Fiji).—By the Wentworth (s.), on Friday, at 11 a.m.

FOR RICHMOND RIVER.—The Richmond (s.), on Friday, at 11 a.m.

FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, HOBART TOWN, AND LAUNCESTON.—By the Leura (s.), on Friday, at 1 p.m.

FOR RICHMOND RIVER.—By the Platypus (s.), on Saturday, at 11 a.m.

FOR MANNING RIVER.—By the Diamantina (s.), on Saturday, at 11 a.m.

FOR BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, AND ROCKHAMPTON.—By the You Yangs (s.), on Saturday, at noon.

FOR MACLEAY RIVER AND PORT MACQUARIE.—By the Ballina (s.), on Saturday, at 8 p.m.

DISPATCH OF MAILS VIA TORRES STRAITS.

Mails will be made up at this office, on Saturday, December 28th, per E. and A. M. S. Brisbane, closing at 10 a.m., for Java, Singapore, Eastern Archipelago, India, China, the Continent of Europe, and the United Kingdom.

Correspondence intended to be forwarded by this opportunity must be so endorsed, with the exception of that for India, China, and intermediate places, which will be forwarded by the Brisbane, unless marked otherwise.

Late letters for the United Kingdom, via Brindisi only, will be received at the General Post Office up to 11 a.m. Late fee, 6d.

General Post Office, Sydney, 23rd December, 1878.

ROYAL MAIL NOTICE.—VIA AUCKLAND, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

The mails by the R. M. S. City of New York, will close at the General Post Office, on Thursday, the 2nd January, 1879, as follows:—

Registered letters at noon.
Unregistered letters at 1 p.m.
Newspapers, books, and packets, at noon.

The rates of postage upon letters to Honolulu, United States of America, and the United Kingdom are 6d. per ½-oz.

Full information as to the rates of postage to all places can be ascertained at the Inquiry Office, General Post Office, and at the various suburban and country offices.

LATE LETTERS.

Letters for the United Kingdom only will be received up to 2 p.m. on payment of a fee of 6d.

IRON RECEIVERS.

Letters may be posted in the iron pillar letter receivers up to noon; newspapers may be posted in the newspaper receivers up to 10 a.m. on the 2nd January, 1879.

All letters, &c., not otherwise marked will be forwarded by the Australia.

General Post Office, Sydney, 25th December, 1878.

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Special Advertisements.

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

Incorporated by Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand.

Capital.....£725,000
Reserve Fund.....£350,000.

NOTICE.

This Bank is prepared to make SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS for DEPOSITS lodged for fixed periods, and to transact all other Banking business, on terms to be ascertained on application.

DEMAND DRAFTS issued on the BANK OF ENGLAND, London.

EDWARD B. HOLT, Manager.

INTERCOLONIAL LIFE ASSURANCE, ANNUITY, and GENERAL ASSOCIATION, (Limited).

Temporary Offices:
WATERLOO CHAMBERS, 470, GEORGE-STREET,

CAPITAL, £100,000, IN 100,000 SHARES OF ONE POUND EACH.

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The number of Shares is one hundred thousand, of one pound each; the first call to be one shilling per share, to be paid on the allotment of shares, and the second call at the end of six months if required.

The names of the Directors and Officers form a sufficient guarantee that the utmost prudence will be exercised in expenditure and management.

Owing to the large number of shares already taken up, the Directors have ordered that notice be at once given of a cessation of issue.

In order, however, that persons living at a distance should not be suddenly debarred from allotment, the Directors have decided to allow applications to be received until the 31st December, after which date the share-list will be closed.

Forms of applications for shares until that date may be obtained at the Temporary Offices of the Company, Waterloo-chambers, 470, George-street, Sydney.

W. H. ARCHER.

Sydney, December 5, 1878.

NOTICE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE VICTORIA LIFE and GUARANTEE COMPANY has reduced the rates of PREMIUM on GUARANTEE POLICIES to the lowest obtainable in the colony.

Premiums on Policies now in force will be reduced as above on renewal.

FREDK. J. JACKSON, Resident Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The Directors of the London Guarantee and Accident Company (Limited), with a view of extending their business, have decided on REDUCING the RATES of PREMIUM hitherto charged to the Government departments. All renewal notices have been issued at the reduced rates.

ERNEST O. SMITH, Agent, 96, Pitt-street.

TO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS OF THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

GENTLEMEN,—This Company recently began business here by charging the rate of premium in force in Victoria for Guarantee Policies, which is 25 per cent. below that demanded by other Guarantee Offices in Sydney hitherto. A portion of the profits is also periodically returned to the assured. Fire insurances effected at lowest rates.

C. J. BUCKLAND, Agent, National Insurance Company of Australasia.

Offices—22 and 23, Pitt-street, Exchange, Sydney.

REDUCTION IN GUARANTEE PREMIUMS.

THE MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited), issue BONDS to GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS and OTHERS at greatly REDUCED rates.

Insurers are entitled to a CASH BONUS out of the PROFITS every year.

Head Offices, 158, Pitt-street, Sydney.

KELSO KING, Secretary.

PROSPECTUS OF THE COMMERCIAL MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

Capital, £500,000 in £1 Shares.

100,000 Shares now offered on the following terms of 1s per Share on application, and 2s per share on allotment.

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Bankers: Australian Joint Stock Bank.
Solicitor: A. H. M'Culloch, Esq.

The Promoters of the Commercial Mutual Marine Insurance Company (Limited), believing that there is ample room for a Marine Insurance Company formed on the Mutual principle, and in view of the success which has attended similar companies now submit this Prospectus.

The proposed basis is as follows:—

Shareholders will be entitled to 8 per cent. per annum on their paid-up capital, after providing for a RESERVE FUND, THEN ALL THE DIVISIBLE PROFITS will be EQUALLY DIVIDED between SHAREHOLDERS and POLICY HOLDERS.

The business of the Company will be to effect Marine Insurances generally.

It is well known that large sums of money are annually SENT OUT OF THE COLONY for the benefit of Foreign Proprietaries. One of the main objects of this Society will be the RETENTION, INVESTMENT, and DISTRIBUTION in the COLONY of the profits derivable therefrom. The Provisional Directors and their friends, including shipowners, large importers, and exporters, and others, who will become Shareholders, will undoubtedly be able to at once influence a large amount of business.

The company will be registered under "The Companies' Act," or application will be made to Parliament for an "Act of Incorporation."

When all the shares have been allotted a Meeting of Shareholders will be convened to elect Directors, and to transact general initiatory business.

All expenses incurred in connection with floating and forming the company will be a first charge on its funds. Applications for shares must be made to the Provisional Directors in the annexed form.

AS OVER 50,000 SHARES HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPLIED FOR, THE PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE LIST ON THE 15th JANUARY AT 4 P.M.

The application money will be deposited in the Australian Joint Stock Bank to the credit of Messrs. BROOMFIELD, SEE, NEWTON, and POPE, and which will be returned in full if the company is not floated.

Applications for shares may be lodged with WALTER G. ROSEY, 17, Bridge-street, and Messrs. JARDIE and GORMAN, 177, Pitt-street.

Special Advertisements.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT to the "SYDNEY MAIL," SATURDAY Next, 28th DECEMBER.

THE ALBERT MEMORIAL CHAPEL, WINDSOR.

With a PORTRAIT and BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE of the late PRINCESS ALICE OF HESSE.

SEE COLOURED SUPPLEMENT,

"THE STOCKRIDER,"

in CHRISTMAS NUMBER,

ILLUSTRATED SYDNEY NEWS.

SYDNEY MUSICAL UNION.

HANDEL'S SACRED ORATORIO, "MESSIAH,"

THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTMAS NIGHT, Wednesday 25th.

PRINCIPAL SINGERS:
Signora ANT

pleasant holiday season. In the morning a south-west wind blew, but in the afternoon it veered round to the west, and a refreshing breeze prevailed all night.

THE following is the order of musical service at St. Andrew's Cathedral for Christmas morning, 25th December:—Te Deum, Hopkins in G; Jubilante, G. B. Allen in F; anthem, "High let us swell our tuneful notes," James Johnson. Evening service, 7.30: Cantate, Macfarren in F; Deus Miscreatur, Macfarren in F; anthem, "Hark, the herald angels sing," Dr. Arnold.

THE Young Australian Band will perform at half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon, in the Botanic Gardens.

THE manifold alterations and additions which for the last eight months have been progressing at the Water Police Station are just being completed, and truly the contractors, Messrs. Gorrick and Pitman, have effected a vast improvement in the condition of the buildings and yard, both as regards utility and appearance. Chief among the additions are an excellent airing yard for the prisoners, and a two-stalled stable, both of which were greatly needed, especially the former, the want of which sometimes compelled prisoners to remain two days or more without fresh air or exercise of any kind. The new yard is very light and airy, and far from being cramped, while on the other hand it is perfectly secure. All the unsightly wooden sheds and outhouses, whose name was legion, have been demolished, and the new offices are substantially constructed of freestone, and in appearance present a great contrast to the former arrangements. A great difference in the appearance of the yard at the rear of the Court has also been made, and a good stone pavement has been laid while a neat palisading fence and gate complete the picture, and serve to keep out goats and other animals that used formerly to make the yard their trysting place. The sanitary arrangements too have not been neglected, and an ample bath court and plunge bath have been erected for the convenience of the police, while the drainage of the station and court have been provided for by a drain communicating with the main sewer, which was bored through the sandstone rock with great difficulty, owing to the inability of the workmen to use blasting material on account of the proximity of the buildings. But while so many important improvements have been effected, it is a matter of surprise that one very urgent need should have been left unprovided for. We refer to the removal of prisoners when leaving the station for Darlinghurst gaol. At present the police van remains in the street when brought to remove the prisoners, and consequently the latter are brought into the street in the presence of a number of spectators who always assemble to view their departure. One or two escapes have occurred through this practice, and it is certainly one that should be stopped. While the improvements were being carried out, what would have been easier than to have rendered it possible for the police van to enter the yard of the station, and thus to remove the prisoners in safety and privacy.

At the Central Police Court, yesterday, before Messrs. Charlton, Hyam, and four other justices, was heard the case Eliza King v. Rosina Hindman. This was an information for assault. Mr. W. Cooper, instructed by Mr. William Oliver, appeared for the prosecution; Mr. Charles Davis for the defence. The facts of the case are as follows: The complainant, who is mistress of the infants' department of the Public school, Sussex-street, complained that prisoner, on Tuesday, 17th instant, spat in her face. The defendant called no witnesses. Fine £2, with 5s. 10d. cost of court, and £1 1s. professional costs, or seven days' gaol. Miss S. Keane v. Rosina Hindman: Complainant averred that prisoner did, at the same time and place, assault her, by throwing a jug of water over her, at the same time using most obscene language. Fine 10s., 5s. 10d. costs of court, with £1 1s. professional costs. Mr. Cooper withdrew summonses from each of the prosecutrixes for threatening language, on account of prisoner, in open court, promising not to molest the ladies any further. The Bench expressed sympathy with the lady teachers, and stated that the fines were modified out of consideration for prisoner's husband, who is a hard-working, respectable man.

THE Water Police Court will be closed as usual today, and no business of any kind will be transacted. On Boxing-day, as hitherto, a magistrate will attend the Court at 9 o'clock a.m., to dispose of the cases of inebriates; but no other charges will be heard.

About 3 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, a carter, named William Loughnan, in the employ of Mrs. O'Keefe, at Pelican-street, off the South Head Road, met with a severe accident in Elizabeth-street. He was driving a cart load with rubbish, and was sitting on the top of the load, when the horse he was driving stumbled, which caused him to fall on the roadway and fracture his left arm. He was taken to the Infirmary, where the fracture (a compound one) was reduced, and the patient was then permitted to return home.

On Thursday, the 19th instant, the children attending the Botany Public school were treated by the local patrons to a festive picnic at Mr. Corrie's pleasure grounds. At an early hour the children, with banners flying, were marched to the appointed place, where, after a hearty luncheon, they amused themselves with cricket and various sports. At 1.30 they sat down to dinner, the viands being of the best quality; after which races, jumping in sacks, and various other sports were indulged in, handsome prizes being awarded to the successful competitors through the kind liberality of the local board, who exerted themselves to make the affair a thorough success. A substantial tea followed. The children then assembled on the lawn and sang a few part songs. Mr. W. Stephen, secretary of the Board, addressed the children, and subsequently handed to Mr. Clarke a handsome gold pencilcase, a gift from a few of the senior young ladies of the school, as a mark of their esteem and affection. Mr. Clarke suitably replied, when, with hearty cheers, the children were dismissed to their homes, and parents and visitors were hospitably entertained by the patrons of the school. So ended a pleasant day, unmarred by accident or ill behaviour.

THE calendar of the Mutual Life Association of Australia, which has just been issued from the establishment of Messrs. Gibbs, Shallard, and Co., is, perhaps, the neatest of any we have received, and it possesses the additional merit of having been designed as well as executed in the colony. In the centre of an octagon, which composes the calendar there, is a design of an appropriate character with a suitable motto. The border is richly formed of Australian flora, the colours being nicely blended.

We have received a volume of rhyme and prose, entitled "Southerly Busters," written by "Ironbark," and published by Messrs. John Sands and Co., of George-street. The appearance of such a book is appropriate to the present season. It is bound artistically, and its contents are varied, and of a character likely to be acceptable to a large section of readers, and especially to persons in the bush, where many of the incidents they describe are supposed to take place. The author has shown considerable smartness in playing upon words, and in the arrangement of his versification. Many of the scenes he refers to are illustrated in a humourous way by either Mr. A. Clint or Mr. M. Scott, and, altogether, the work is considerably above the average of those of its class that have appeared here.

THE following University intelligence appears in the London Times of November 2, 1878: "The Cobden Prize for 1878 has been awarded to Bernhard Ringrose Wise, scholar of Queen's College, Oxford." B. R. Wise is the second son of the late Edward Wise, Supreme Court Judge, of this colony.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

The following notifications appear in the *Government Gazette* published yesterday:—

APPOINTMENTS.—In the Colonial Architect's Branch of this Department, consequent upon the death of Mr. H. Chapman, chief clerk, viz.:—Mr. James M'Shane to be chief clerk, vice Chapman, deceased; Mr. J. T. Neale to be a clerk, vice M'Shane; Mr. G. B. Stack to be a clerk, vice Neale; Mr. J. Forsyth to be a clerk, vice Stack; Mr. J. L. Marks to be a clerk, vice Forsyth; Mr. W. E. Ellard to be a clerk, vice Marks; Mr. G. T. Crawford to be a clerk, vice Ellard; Mr. William Thompson to be a clerk. Mr. Reginald Hare, Police Magistrate, is to be Coroner at Corowa and for the colony generally; Mr. Edward Markham to be acting Warden's clerk and mining registrar at Walcha during the absence on leave of Mr. Milton S. Love; Mr. Robert W. Langstaff, licensed surveyor, to be mining surveyor.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.—The following tenders have been accepted by the Government:—J. and G. Shying and Co., supply of coffins, as may be required by the Government in the police district of Sydney, and at the hospital for the insane, Gladesville; A. and R. Amos, training walls, &c., entrance to Lake Macquarie; Witcombe, Brothers—erection of a wharf at Hay; Taylor and Johnstone, erection of a wharf at Rocky Point, Numbucca River.

NEW CALEDONIA.

(FROM OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT.)

NOUMEA, DEC. 12.

There is very little news of importance to send you by the Sea Nymph, which is to sail on the 14th.

The mail is hourly expected. News of the revolt *still*, or next door to it, the Governor being absent on a visit to the nearest of the revolted districts, from which he is expected back to-day. No news is, in this instance, good news, very much better than reporting fresh massacres.

One of the most interesting trials that has ever been heard here terminated this week in the condemnation to two years' imprisonment of Monsieur Gardes, late sub-manager of the defunct Bank of Nouvelle Caledonie. During the past four or five years, a systematic course of tampering with the funds and books of the bank has been pursued by Monsieur Gardes, whose capabilities for dishonest practices seem to have commenced, or rather to have been thoroughly demonstrated, in Paris, where he and another worthy, who had started a discount bank, were brought to trial. Gardes, by an inexplicable combination of events, escaped the punishment no doubt then due to him, by his appointment as sub-manager of the bank here. His fleeced creditors stayed proceedings upon his promise to pay them 50 per cent. of his defalcations. They evidently were glad to get back some of the wool of which he had fleeced them. His partner, M. Merckens, was condemned to two months' imprisonment, less lucky than Gardes. The deficit in the accounts of the bank, for which Gardes was prosecuted, amounts to over £9000. The ex-cashier, tried at the same time as Gardes, was acquitted. Much surprise is felt at the light sentence bestowed upon Gardes, the more so when it was reported in the town that within a few hours of Gardes' condemnation a convict was tried for stealing a pair of shoes, for which comparatively dreadful crime he had only five years added to his sentence, on the principle, it is supposed, that being cut off from the effect of good example, his mind familiarised with crime by association, night and day, with criminals and criminals only, he had more advantages pointing out a good course to him than was possessed by Gardes, who wore broad cloth, was well educated, moved in the best society, and held a position of great trust and high value. These are, in his case, no doubt, held "extenuating circumstances," for a series of coolly planned robbery of thousands of pounds, resulting in the suffering or ruin of scores of people who trusted in the fidelity of the institution of which he was so responsible an officer. His crime diminishes to triviality when viewed in the light of all these causes of extreme temptation to his virtue. Thousands of pounds and years of cool calculating villainy, versus the stealing of a pair of shoes, gives a result of two years against five. Had Gardes robbed a few more thousands, ruined a few more people, we may reasonably conclude—if analogy is of any worth—that he would have escaped, and had he done a further amount of harm received commendation instead of condemnation. What a lucky thing for the convict that he did not leave the shoes and take only the laces. In that case he would no doubt have had ten years added to his sentence.

On the subject of trials another unusual one has been held during the week by her Majesty Consul, Mr. E. Layard, on board the brig Heather Bell against the master of which, Captain Daly, most serious charges were brought by the crew, all of whom wished to leave but could not obtain their wages and discharge until after making the accusations, when both were offered them, but too late, for her Majesty's Consul had a duty to perform, and performed it was, though for a time there was an evident attempt to play with him, one which is not likely to be repeated in this port. Being present at the inquiry, my opportunities of forming an opinion were of the best. There was no room for a second opinion. The pretty name, "Heather Bell," should have given place to "Floating Hell," for at least her last voyage. All the charges preferred against her master, including habitual drunkenness, the use of foul and abusive language to the crew, threatening to shoot several of them on various occasions, to leave them on savage islands, of being without a "labour permit for some months past," and of causing the death of one of the crew by cruel neglect and the absence of medical comforts and necessaries, were reiterated and sworn to at the inquiry. The accused, on being appealed to if he had any questions to ask, replied, in one or two instances, "No," or put a few questions chiefly of a technical character. The charge of manslaughter will probably be put aside from the fact of a doctor from a vessel they fell in with amongst the islands having visited the man a few days before his death. A sailor from this vessel was killed on one of the islands, having been sent on shore, it is asserted, in most imprudent company. When the inquiry was concluded the steward, a Chinaman, came aft and asked the Consul to discharge him, giving as a reason the constant ill-treatment and abuse which he received from the captain who there and then accused him of not keeping the cabin clean. This was the climax to all that had passed during the inquiry. Three great, fat, lazy-looking black women, from Pleasant Island, were lolling all of a heap on the quarter deck curiously watching the proceedings. The occupation supposed to be followed by these three large women, as elicited during the hearing of the case, was doing nothing unless giving an occasional pull upon the ropes. Their lodgment was in the cabin. Poor "Chinee," heathen or not, I would forgive you with all my soul if you failed to keep clean the den of these creatures, whose long snake-like coils of hair hung about their shoulders in a manner to suggest that they would not be particular about the cleanliness of their dormitory. Mr. Chinee was informed that he and all on board would have to accompany the vessel to Fiji, where she is ordered for "further treatment" by the High Commissioner's Court. You will thence perhaps receive an edifying account of the case. The Heather Bell was cruising for about a week around "Mare Island," one of the Loyalty group, giving rise by her erratic movements to many surmises and suspicions. The Rev. J. Jones, missionary at Mare, duly reported the occurrence to the Government.

14TH.

No news to give respecting the revolt. In its last issue the *Nouvelle Caledonie* asserts that there had been no information supplied to it as usually is furnished by the Administration. Not a word on the subject of the revolt, in the *Moniteur* of the 11th instant, so we may indulge in the hope that the insurgents are being brought to their bearings. I lately saw a letter, written by a colonist at Canala, speaking in the highest terms of Captain Servan, who has won the esteem of all the district, not only by the manner in which he has treated the revolt, but also by his administrative capacity as Commandant. "The affairs of Canala were never so well administered," says the writer; "there is one wish here, that Monsieur Servan will remain as long as possible." Bravo quiet, gentlemanly, brave!

The Governor and the General returned on the 12th from their tour to the revolted districts, having visited Boularpari and the surrounding posts.

Shipping.—Arrived: Mary Mildred, 12th; Bordeaux, same day French barque, from Bordeaux.

CHINESE EMBASSY.—The Emperor of China having recently appointed an Embassy to reside at Washington, his Minister was presented to President Hayes on September 28. Chin Lan Pin, the Minister, delivered to the President a letter from the Emperor, signed "Kwang Shu," and dated "Fourth year, 1st month, 25th day" (February 26, 1878), appointing "Chin Lan Pin, decorated with the peacock feather, wearing the button of the second rank, President of the Board of Sacrifice," to reside at Washington as Envoy Extraordinary, and "Yung Wing, wearing the button of the second rank, Intendant of Circuit," as Assistant Envoy. The Emperor added in his letter: "Having, by the will of Heaven, succeeded to our great patrimony, we regard, without discrimination, China and all foreign nations as members of one family; and we desire that henceforth our relations with your Government may be further strengthened, and that both may enjoy lasting peace. Which is our sincere hope." These credentials were inclosed in a circular paper case covered with Chinese characters. They were written with black ink on thick yellow paper, dotted and embossed with gold, and wrapped in a square piece of yellow silk. President Hayes, after alluding to the first diplomatic mission sent ten years ago from China to the United States, cordially welcomed the Envoy, especially as he had announced that he and the assistant Minister came with the intention and desire to establish a permanent legation at the capital upon a footing with those of other nations.—From the *Queen*, October 19, 1878.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN SYDNEY.

It might have been expected that in this sunny land Christmas would have been a sort of hybrid institution, and that the roast beef and plum pudding propensities of Merry England would have been at a discount. For gastronomic reasons it might be more congenial if we could have cold weather instead of hot; but, all things considered, we may consider ourselves wonderfully well off, and they are probably few who would exchange the rich abundance of Christmas in Australia for even the most ideal winter of the mother-land. A blazing yule-log would certainly be more agreeable company than a swarm of mosquitoes; but, on a fair balance of advantages, Australians will claim to possess an uncommon share of good fortune. Happily, the social instincts of the people remain as strong here as "at home," and in that view of the case we ought to be content to resign fireside enjoyments, when we have all the compensating delights of outdoor existence to fall back upon. It has seldom happened that Christmas has extorted a more hearty welcome than this year, when the country has been refreshed with seasonable showers, and the fruits and flowers are being produced with a profusion rarely surpassed. For the last few days Christmas preparations have been going on apace. Youngsters, let loose from school or nursery, have congregated in happy groups around the toy-shops, and paterfamilias has been called upon to submit to most prodigal expenditures on presents. The city has been invaded by immense flocks of geese, which go into home consumption to-day; and the grocers and provision merchants' carts have been rushing about the town with loads which imply that no inconsiderable proportion of the population have prepared for a "good time." But the preparations of Monday and previous days were as nothing to the bustle of yesterday, when the principal thoroughfares of the city were clothed with evergreens and the pink bloom of the "Christmas bush." All yesterday people seemed to do and think of nothing but the preparations for Christmas, and they have now, doubtless, settled down to the quiet and restful associations of family reunions.

The streets presented a most animated aspect from early morning until late at night, as they were thronged with people, both young and old, who came out to enjoy the Christmas display. Shopkeepers and the citizens generally observed the happy festival with perhaps as much ceremony as in the old country, though under such different conditions of weather and circumstances. The display of greenery all along George-street, more particularly from the markets southward was very profuse, the bushes being, for the most part, wreathed round the verandah posts, though other parts of the buildings were likewise decorated. King-street, Pitt-street, Market-street, and Oxford-street were the other principal thoroughfares whose paths were festooned with the Australian evergreens. Here and there was to be seen a sprig of holly, reminding English folks more forcibly of the display to which they had been accustomed in the old country. The decoration of the shop windows was not carried out on the elaborate scale noticeable in some previous years. Nevertheless, the principal grocery and confectionery shop windows were fairly set off with the most ornamental and attractive description of goods in honour of the season, and to catch the eye of the passers by. In the booksellers and stationers' shop windows was an artistic display of Christmas cards, pictures, and nick-nacks of various kinds, suitable for Christmas presents, and in these evidently a thriving trade was done throughout the day. As usual just before Christmas, toy and fancy goods shops were very numerous, not a few being, apparently, started into life for the season only, disappearing when it is past; and the amount of money spent in them must have been very considerable. A few of the fancy goods shops exhibited beautiful statuary as a prominent feature of their display. The windows of drapery establishments were more attractive than ever, and as many of them were selling off at from 20 to 50 per cent. discount, they, doubtless, did a large business. The display in the fruiterers' was very extensive, but the quality of some descriptions was only middling. Apples, pears, oranges, apricots, peaches, nectarines, plums, gooseberries, cherries, bananas, pine apples, and other fruits were found more or less tastefully displayed in their windows. The butchers showed their primest meat, and as the season in most places has been favourable for our flocks and herds, the quality generally was first-class, while the price was such as must have been highly gratifying to new comers. The shops indicated the possession of everything that might usually be found in a European capital, while the signs of prosperity among the living throng were far greater than could anywhere else be seen among the masses of the people. To the young especially the season was one of enjoyment. Among the crowds who, in the daytime, were abroad in the streets, family parties were remarkably conspicuous, the faces of the olive branches beaming with happiness as they inspected shop windows, or trudged along laden with spoils from the toyshop, the confectioner's, the fruiterer's, the poultry shop, or Christmas cheer of whatever kind. As darkness closed in and the evening wore on, the throngs of people in George-street and the other principal streets became dense in the extreme. In George-street the footpaths were altogether inadequate to accommodate the moving crowds, who in places occupied half the street, the omnibuses and other vehicles having to move along at a much reduced rate of speed to avoid accidents. Many of the shops were most brilliantly lighted. Not until 10 o'clock did the crowds seem to lessen to any considerable extent.

The first view presented to the eye of a visitor to the George-street markets last night was that of an almost impenetrable crowd, the members of which shouldered and elbowed each other without cessation for several hours, and which demanded the combined exercise of physical power and good temper on the part of a person desiring to pass through it. There is no systemised forms arranged for persons passing in and out of the market, and therefore in cases of crowding like those of last night much confusion arises. Mothers temporarily lose their children, and husbands their wives, and everyone seems at cross purposes. It is evident that large numbers of people go to the markets to see and be seen rather than to make any heavy purchases. The principal business seemed to be done amongst the poulterers, and their stalls were denuded of their contents at a very early hour. By about half-past 9 o'clock the dressed turkeys, geese, and fowls had been drafted to such an extent that none of the individual specimens remaining were of sufficiently respectable dimensions to form the proverbial Christmas dinner, for even the most indifferent appetite in the community, and intending purchasers consequently had to roam about considerably, seeking what they should devour. Luckily there was plenty of live poultry in the market to meet their requirements, and their apprehensions of an unconventional dinner were quickly allayed. In respect to fruit the displays were attractive, and as the weather has been extremely favourable for horticulture during the past few months, apples, grapes, and red, white and black currants were plentiful and of unusual size. Pineapples were in great abundance, and cocoanuts, figs, and gooseberries were in plentiful supply. Many of the stalls were prettily decorated with Christmas bush, and the greetings of the season —"A merry Christmas and a happy new year"—were placed in several prominent positions.

The Belmore Markets were intended to meet the requirements of the humbler section of the community, and judging by the manner in which the stalls in them were patronised last night, they have the desired effect. There was almost as animated a scene outside as inside the markets. Merry-go-rounds and ice carts were in full swing, and fruit stalls were numerous in every direction. One enterprising individual had arranged a series of microscopes with a view of turning an honest penny, while another had a lot of stereoscopes and slides set up for the public gaze. Inside there was quite a babel of tongues, many of the stallholders here having got into the habit of soliciting custom at the top of their voices. Every variety of article was set up for sale, and numerous opportunities were offered for purchasing not only a good Christmas dinner, but for obtaining an appropriate new or second-hand suit of clothes to sit down to it. Vegetables and fruit were present in great abundance, and Chinamen were observable vending magnificent cabbages, potatoes, parsnips, carrots, and edibles of a similar order; and Hindoos were present selling mangoes, chutney, and other Indian condiments. Trade seemed brisker here than in the other markets, and the specimens of fruit in several instances appeared quite as good. Good temper seemed to prevail in all directions, and the tone of the markets seemed of a very satisfactory character.

There was a busy scene at the Redfern Railway both in the afternoon and evening. Very large numbers of people arrived in town, and mixed with the crowds that thronged the streets, and though there was no want of railway carriages for the accommodation of the extra traffic, the trains were in several instances very long, and in all well filled. The Southern train from Waggs, and the Western train from Bathurst, were very full. The 5.25 train to Penrith and Picton consisted of twenty-five carriages, and must have conveyed about a thousand people. During the whole of the past week the passenger traffic has been great, and it is said that an unusual number of persons left Sydney by the trains to spend Christmas in the country. It is not likely that there will be any scarcity of carriages during the holidays. The department may be a little hampered on Boxing Day, but it is believed there will be sufficient accommodation to meet all requirements.

THE CZAR'S PHYSICAL WEAKNESS.—According to a letter from St. Petersburg in the *Deutsche Zeitung*, the Czar's health is very much shaken, and his return from Livadia, which was to have taken place about the beginning of November, has again been postponed. According to some, he intends, in the event of his health not improving, to appoint the Czarewitch as Regent, and so to pave the way to eventual abdication. As to the journey of Count Schovaloff to Livadia, it is believed, the writer says, by well-informed persons to be connected with his eventual appointment as Chancellor in the place of Prince Gortschakoff. The latter had of late shown a strong inclination to side with the Panslavists, in order, it was said, to secure the support of the Czarewitch, who is reputed to be the chief patron of that party; but it is added that the German Government has used all its influence with the Czar against the Panslavists, and that Prince Gortschakoff is consequently out of favour.

SPORTING.

The Summer Meeting of the Hawkesbury Race Club is to come off at Clarendon, to-morrow, when, as most of the events are exceedingly open, some fine racing will be witnessed by the crowd that is sure to attend. Excursion trains will leave for the Clarendon platform, at 8.50, 9.5, and 10.25; fare, 4s.; and at 11.20, a special train will leave with his Excellency the Governor and those who have taken the precaution of securing tickets. The following scratchings are to hand from the secretary:—Maiden Plate: Sunset, Tulip, and Silverlocks. Sapling Stakes: Love-not, Beaconsfield, Sirius, Vesper, Clarendon, Wilberforce, Woodbine, Vanish, Sunshine, Maid of Honour, and Nellie. Hawkesbury Handicap: Judex, Woodlawn, and Palermo. It will be seen that thirty still remain in for the big race, and the most in favour at present are Black Swan, The Dean, and Melbourne, and slight disposition was shown to back Burwood and Secundus; and the first-named, who was reported to have gone wrong a few days ago, is now as good a favourite as anything for Tattersall's Cup.

MAIDEN PLATE: 1½ mile.

Mr. H. Herbert's b f Myrtilline, 3 years
J. Wentworth's ch f Mimosa, 3 years
A. Loder's ch f The Abbess, 3 years
A. Loder's b c Hawthorn, 3 years
W. Kite's br f Propriety, 3 years
C. T. Roberts's b f Reflection, 3 years
F. Lynch's b f Camellia, 3 years
T. Ivory's b c Sweetmeat, 3 years
J. S. Smith's b m Expectation, 4 years
E. T. C. Brooks's b c Arrow, 3 years
J. E. Onus's br c Mungallala Squatter, 3 years.

PRINCE OF WALES' STAKES; 1 mile.

Mr. A. Loder's ch f The Abbess, 3 years, 8st 2lb
A. Loder's b c Hawthorn, 3 years, 8st 2lb
T. Ivory's b h The Judge, 5 years, 8st 10lb
S. W. Knight's br h Linwood, 5 years, 8st 10lb
S. W. Knight's br h Rifleman, 5 years, 8st 10lb
A. E. Cornwell's b g Jack, 5 years, 8st 10lb
G. Matthews's br m Songstress, aged, 8st 9lb
W. Kent's b or ro c Sir Andrew, 3 years, 8st 2lb
T. Brown's b g Vandyke, aged, 8st 9lb
J. J. Rochester's b h Milton, 4 years, 8st 6lb
J. Cook's br g Newlawn, 5 years, 8st 6lb
J. E. Onus's b h J. O., 4 years, 8st 6lb
J. Tait's b c The Arab, 3 years, 8st 2lb
J. H. Crowley's b c Manilla, 3 years, 8st 2lb

SAPLING STAKES.

Mr. J. Wentworth's b c Adventurer, Maribyrnong—Ida
S. W. Knight's br or bl c Clevedon, Maribyrnong—Sweetlips
W. Kite's br f Juventas, Yattendon—Hebe
W. Kite's br f Legend, Yattendon—Gossamer
J. Readford's b c Kylstone, Barbarian—Vanity
J. Moore's ch c Lowlander, Kelpie—Hebe
G. Freeman's ch c St. John, Tim Whiffler (8.)—Lady Mary
R. Pearce's br f Princess, Maribyrnong—Bertha
A. E. Cornwell's b f Asterte, Maribyrnong—The Fawn
G. Hill's b f Coomassie, Maribyrnong—dam by Kingston from Ludia
W. Forrester's bl c Gipsy Cooper, Barbarian—Gipsy Girl
J. H. Crowley's c c Manilla, The Drummer—Regalia
J. Mayo's ch f Janitress, The Drummer—Atalanta
H. Herbert's br c Chelsea, Yattendon—Busyfoot
C. T. Roberts's b or br c Knight Errant, Kelpie—Brown Duchess
R. Rouse's bl c Retrospect, Reprieve—Hermia
A. Loder's ch f Baroness, The Drummer—Camilla
A. Loder's br c The Pontiff, The Drummer—The Nun
J. Tait's b c Renfrew, Maribyrnong—Rubina
G. Donnelly's br c Falmouth, Maribyrnong—Baroness
J. Trimble's b c Baronet, Lord of Linne—Miss Pitsford

THE HAWKESBURY HANDICAP—2¼ mile.

	st	lb		st	lb
Woodlands	9	3	Auckland	6	10
Cap-a-pie	9	0	Falcon	6	9
Melbourne	8	12	Secundus (late Highlander)	6	8
Black Eagle	8	7	Rookwood	6	7
Strathearn	8	3	Burwood	6	7
The Dean	8	2	K. C. B.	6	4
Woolstone	8	2	Black Swan	6	4
Viscount	7	10	Propriety	6	0
Sir Solomon	7	8	Linwood	6	0
Expectation	7	6	Jack	5	12
Kismet	7	4	Uncas	5	12
Colima	7	2	Lillau	5	10
North Star	7	0	The Abbess	5	7
Dilemma	6	12			

THE MEMBERS' PURSE—1½ mile.

	st	lb		st	lb
Woodlands	9	6	Bedouin	7	6
Macaroni	9	2	Burwood	7	6
Black Eagle	8	10	K.C.B.	6	9
Chieftain	8	4	Free Lance	6	7
Napper Tandy	8	2	Linwood	6	7
Viscount	8	0	Jack	6	5
Jasper	7	10	Uncas	6	3
King Cole	7	9	Hawthorn	6	3
Expectation	7	7	Flier	6	3
Woodlawn	7	4	The Abbess	6	0
Auckland	7	3	Myrtiline	5	7
Falcon	7	2			

A very sad occurrence took place at the Hawkesbury yesterday afternoon. It appears that Willie Huey, one of the most accomplished of our light weights, was doing a sweat in order to reduce himself to ride at the ensuing meeting, when he suddenly stopped and fell, and expired almost immediately. Huey was well-known, and by his integrity and unassuming demeanour had gained the respect and esteem of all connected with the turf. He was particularly successful when riding his Excellency's horses, and had often landed the Zetland spots at the front at the end of a desperately fought battle. It is understood that he leaves a widowed mother, who had been dependent upon him for support, and it is to be hoped that racing men will not forget her in her bereavement.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Cheevers, Kennedy, and Bent Company at the School of Arts had a large audience, who heartily enjoyed the droll entertainment provided for them. So far as instrumentation goes, this company will bear comparison with any of their predecessors; indeed, it is seldom that so proficient a body of instrumentalists is seen in a minstrel company. The comic sketches are the best part of the entertainment, and Messrs. Cheevers, Kennedy, and Bent are inimitable in their respective *rôles*. The rapidity with which the two first-named gentlemen change their dress and appearance for the various characters they assume is truly astonishing. The "pneumatic eradicator," which closes the entertainment, is a farce which must be seen to be properly understood and appreciated.

This evening Giorza Mass No 3 will be performed at the Victoria Theatre; and the Musical Union will render the "Messiah" at the Theatre Royal. At the Guild Hall dissolving views, illustrative of sacred subjects, will be exhibited.

The programme of amusements for Boxing Day is of a less varied character than is usual on some of our holidays, and is chiefly confined to excursions to our seaside pleasure grounds. In connection with the House of the Good Shepherd, a grand picnic to Chowder is announced. The steamers will ply from the city at intervals during the day; and the excursionists will have the entertainment of a band of music and a programme of sports.

A monster picnic to Athol Gardens is on the card, and two brass bands will play there during the day, while there are also to be trapeze performances. Steamers will also run to Clontarf, and a band of music with dancing in the pavilion will constitute prominent features in the day's proceedings. To Cremorne also steamers will run, and amusements of various kinds are to be provided there. At Manly Beach and Watson's Bay sports are advertised, and these favourite seaside places will doubtless be well patronised. Those who wish for a trip on the ocean wave may be gratified by proceeding in the Hunter steamer to Broken Bay. Sports are advertised to take place on the Great Northern Shore ground, Lane Cove Road, and there is to be a private picnic to Fern Bay, where sports are to be held. The Surry Hills Young Men's Christian Association have an excursion to the head of Middle Harbour. Then those who wish to take a trip by omnibus or cab to Botany Bay may have the entertainment of a band of music at the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, as well as some minstrelsy by the Cheevers and Bent company, in the pavilion, where a new proscenium has been erected, and there are also to be high rope performances at the same place. In Mr. Correy's, the adjoining gardens, a band of music will play. Sports are advertised to take place at Coogee Bay. At Ryde there will be horse races. Lovers of cricket will doubtless see some good play at the Association ground, where the Sydney University Eleven meet an equal number from the Melbourne University. In the evening the theatres will be open with attractive programmes. At the Theatre Royal, Garnet Walch's pantomime (altered and localised) of "Hey-Diddle-Diddle, the Cat and the Fiddle," &c., will be produced. At the School of Arts, the Cheevers Kennedy, and Bent Minstrels will give one of their popular performances, and in the Guild Hall there will be a quadrille party.

THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As a frequent visitor to Sydney, I agree with Mr. Josephson as to the advisability of persons being able to quietly visit these gardens, in the most enjoyable part of the day, viz., between 6 and 9 o'clock on Sundays. It is not every one who cares to frequent even gardens in a crowd; and I can bear witness that I have frequently seen three or four dozen visitors between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. on Sundays.

Another matter also requires attention according to my idea, and that is Sydney has the most beautiful site for its grounds, and also some of the most beautiful trees, and very fair lawns, but why are the borders allowed to remain for months chiefly clothed with masses of the poorest description of "larkspurs", and a few other second rate annuals. Lately the gardens of Adelaide and Victoria have become noted for their ribbon beds, grouping, glorious centres of easily cultivated, but most effective bedding plants, surrounded with light or darker leafage, chiefly composed of the rapid growing coleus, iresine, amaranthus, centaurea, and others of manifold varieties, which ever breathes a welcome to the visitor. The charming diversity of colour and form so easily produced by many of the most simple and inexpensive plants, fully entitles our Sydney residents to enjoy in their public gardens colours to harmonise, colours to contrast, equally with their colonial neighbours.

I am not aware whether the director of the Sydney Gardens is closely engaged, as was the case with Baron Von Mueller for many years, upon scientific works; if not, pray let him give his visitors a few more beds and borders of summer foliage and flowering plants, intermixed in circles, diamonds, panels *a la* pinoushion and other designs, and at the same time allow the early risers an opportunity to quietly look upon them and love them.

Yours truly,
Sydney, December 23. LOVER OF NATURE.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

FOREIGN SHIPPING.

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SHANGHAI, VIA COOKTOWN, NOV. 21.

ARRIVED: November 11, Maid of Judah, from Sydney September 21. November 12, Abel Abbes, from Newcastle September 23. November 14, Helens, from Sydney September 21. November 17, Black Prince, from Sydney October 5; M. A. Dixon, from Newcastle August 31. November 18, Hallowe'en, from Sydney October 4.

FOOCHOW, Nov. 25.

SAILED: Nov. 2, Mary Smith, for Fremantle. Nov. 15, Thomas Brown, for Melbourne. Nov. 18, Roderick Hay, for Adelaide.

MANILA, Nov. 30.

SAILED: Nov. 13, Brunette, for Sydney.

HONGKONG, DEC. 2.

ARRIVED: Nov. 20, Alma, from Newcastle Oct. 2. Nov. 21, Mecca, from Newcastle Oct. 26. Nov. 22, Janet, from Fremantle Oct. 2. Nov. 24, Craigard, barque, from Sydney Oct. 7.

SAILED: Nov. 21, Ideaux, for Melbourne and Sydney.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

MURRURUNDI.

TUESDAY.

Edward Hall, sen., his two sons, Patrick Hall and Edward Hall, jun., with Peter Ivan, James Ward, and John Robertson were to-day charged with stealing two mares and foals, the property of Henry Charles White, and were remanded for a week. It is stated that the police have found the remains of one of the mares buried near Hall's place, having been shot. The case has caused a great deal of excitement. Upon the removal of the prisoners, some of them began to cheer in their cells. Great credit, in regard to their apprehension, is due to Sergeant Meagher, of Tamworth.

COONAMBLE.

TUESDAY.

Several thunderstorms have occurred, but only 18 points of rain have fallen. The atmosphere is much cooler.

BINGERA.

TUESDAY.

The Bingera Amateur Dramatic Club gave their first entertainment in the new Court-house last night. The hall was filled so that there was not sitting room. The performers did great credit to their respective parts. The sum realised was an important amount.

Weather sultry, with indication of rain.

PORT MACQUARIE.

TUESDAY.

The District Court was opened yesterday by his Honor Judge Murray. The Quarter Sessions were on to-day.

The body of one of the men recently drowned, belonging to the Isabella Gollan, has just been found on the North Shore. An inquest is to be held, but it will be adjourned for the captain's attendance. The vessel left this morning for Sydney.

Weather showery.

COWRA.

TUESDAY.

Mrs. Wilson, an elderly married woman, died here suddenly last night, it is supposed, from heart disease. An inquiry is being held.

The heat is somewhat tempered by light breezes today.

BEGA.

TUESDAY.

A testimonial of over one hundred sovereigns, accompanied with an address from his parishioners, was today presented to the Rev. A. D. Faunce, incumbent of St. John's Church, Bega. At the same time a costly gold watch and chain were presented to Mrs. Faunce.

WEST MAITLAND.

TUESDAY.

A largely-attended public meeting was held in the hall of the West Maitland School of Arts last night, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Chinese question. The Mayor of the town (Mr. John Lee) presided, and reminded the audience that they were called upon to decide an important matter, and one that affected the future destinies of New South Wales. He pointed out the evil effects the introduction of the Chinese would have upon the colonies. The first resolution was moved by Alderman Pritchard, and seconded by Alderman Chapman, "That, in the opinion of this meeting, the introduction of Chinese to this colony is highly prejudicial to its best interests, and urgently demands strict preventive measures on the part of the Government." The second resolution was moved by Alderman Griffiths, and seconded by Mr. J. G. Mair,—"That this meeting sympathises with the men who are now boldly standing out against the infringement of what they believe to be their true and natural rights, in a just and legal manner." The third resolution was moved by Mr. T. Bramble and seconded by Alderman Gorrick,—"That, with a view of giving practical effect to the foregoing resolutions, a collection be now made, and a subscription list opened, and that the Mayor (Mr. John Lee) act as treasurer; and that the following gentlemen be a committee to collect subscript

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

Junior Examinations.

The following is a list of the pupils who have passed the University Junior Examination. It also shows the subjects in which they have passed. The letters S., H., and L. mean respectively "Satisfied the Examiners," "Low," and "High:"—

Alderdice, William Octavius: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L—Crown-street Public School.

Allen, Arthur Wigram: Preliminary S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek H, arithmetic H, algebra L, Geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Amess, William: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, Latin H, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Archer, James: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Toowoomba Grammar School.

Archibald, Albert Wilson: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Chatsworth Island Public School.

Archibald, Finlay Frank: English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Chatsworth Island Public School.

Armstrong, Alice M.: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H—William-street Public School.

Backhouse, Francis Herbert: Preliminary S, Latin L, arithmetic L, geometry H—The King's School.

Bailey, Philip Edward: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L, algebra L—Jamberoo Public School.

Bassan, Albert Edward: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Paddington Public School.

Bauer, Sophie W. E.: Preliminary S, English L, French L, arithmetic L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Baylis, Frederick William: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Bschag, Albert Jobson: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Belcher, Stuart Harbourne: Preliminary S, French L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Mr. Belcher, Goulburn School.

Bennett, John: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Kiama Public School.

Bergin, Tessa Maria: Preliminary S, English H, French H—Mr. Ord.

Berne, Percy: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Newtown Public School.

Berry, Henriette Sarah Jane: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H—The Misses Hooper.

Biddell, Bessie: Preliminary S, English H, French H, arithmetic L—Miss Whitfeld.

Bird, Walter Foster: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French L, Latin L, Greek L—Sydney Grammar School.

Black, Alfred Owen: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Balmain Public School.

Black, Victor: Preliminary S, English H, German H, Latin H, Greek L, geometry L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Blackman, Robert Henry: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—Kiama Public School.

Bolton, Frederick Henry: English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Burwood Public School.

Booker, Edward Gilbert: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Bornstein, Richard: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Private.

Borton, Roger Frederick: Preliminary S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Bowler, Lillian Fanny: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French H—The Misses Cook.

Brennan, John: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, geometry L—St. Patrick's College.

Britten, Ernest Henry: Preliminary S, Latin L, algebra, L—The King's School.

Brown, Walter Sigismund: Preliminary S, Latin L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—The King's School.

Browne, Charles Frederick: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Ipswich Grammar School.

Bugle, Alice Eva Mary: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H—Cleveland-street Public school.

Burns, William Arthur: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H—N. Parramatta Public School.

Burns, Vincent: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin L, Greek H—Sydney Grammar School.

Butler, James R.: Preliminary S, English H, French H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—All Saints' College, Bathurst.

Byram, William James: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek L, geometry L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Cains, John Thomas: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Sauchie House, Maitland.

Cairncross, Millicent Annie: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H—Miss O'Connor, Brisbane.

Caldwell, Joseph John: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Mudgee Public School.

Cameron, William Henry M.: Preliminary S, English L, geometry L—High School, Goulburn.

Campbell, Ernest Vincent: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Woodford Dale Public School.

Campbell, Percy: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French H, Latin H, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry H—Mr. Bowyer.

Carmody, Patrick, Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, geometry L—St. Mary's, Ipswich.

Carvosso, Arthur Benjamin: Preliminary S, English H, German L, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Brisbane Grammar School.

Cavanagh, Edward James: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Sydney Grammar School.

Chambers, Eliza: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H—William-street Public School.

Chapman William Henry: Preliminary S, English H, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Grafton Grammar School.

Charlton, Mary Margaret: Preliminary S, history and geography S, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Miss Baxter.

Chester, William Edward: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L—Fort-street Public School.

Clarke, Herbert: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Newington College.

Coates, William Henry: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, algebra L—S. Parramatta Public School.

Cobcroft, Clarence: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Richmond Public School.

Cockburn, W. Stuart: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L—Mr. Hortuman.

Colley, George: Preliminary S, history and geography English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Jamroo Public School.

Colley, William M.: Preliminary S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Kiama Public School.

Connor, Thomas John: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Crown-street Public School.

Cooper, Herbert Beverley: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic L, geometry L—Mr. Bowyer.

Cork, William Henry: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, geometry L—Milton Public School.

Cowdery, Edward Henry: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic S, algebra L—Burwood Public School.

Cowdery, William Reynolds: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic L, geometry L—Burwood Public School.

Cowper, Elizabeth Maria: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—N. Parramatta Public School.

Cran, Alexander: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Cree, George Percy: Preliminary S, English L, algebra L—Jamberoo Public School.

Creed, Marian: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French L, Latin L, arithmetic L, algebra L—Private.

Crisford, Clara: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Richmond Public School.

Crocker, Herbert: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Curran, James Joseph: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Roman Catholic School, Mudgee.

Dalton, Henry: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Sacred Heart College, Maitland.

Daly, Eugene William: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Roman Catholic School, Mudgee.

Dangar, Effie: Preliminary S, French H, arithmetic H—Mrs. Chilcott.

Day, Alfred Goodwin: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, geometry L—Newtown Public School.

Day, Sydney Thomas: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Newington College.

Deane, Charles Marmaduke: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Burwood Public School.

Devine, Alfred Ernest: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Toowoomba Grammar School.

Dickson, Ada Mary: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, German L, Latin L, geometry H—Brisbane Grammar School.

Dickson, Annie Maud: Preliminary S, English L, French L, Latin L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Dight, Jessie: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French L—Alberto College.

Donaldson, Philip Clarence: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L—Grafton Grammar School.

Dowling, Septimus William: Preliminary S, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—The King's School.

Ducker, Arthur Rowland W.: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H—Private.

Duff, Gordon Douglass McD.: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Crown-street Public School.

Dwyer, William Eusebius: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Sacred Heart College, Maitland.

Eden, Guy Ernest Morton: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French L, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic L—Sydney Grammar School.

Edwards, Wilbraham Tollemache: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—Oaklands.

England, Theophilus: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, algebra L, geometry L—Paddington Public School.

England, Thomas H.: Preliminary S, English L, algebra L, geometry L—Paddington Public School.

Evans, Herbert Arthur: English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Farrand, A. H.: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French H, Latin L, geometry H—Mr. Bowyer.

Ferguson, John: History and geography S, arithmetic L—Newington College.

Fitzgerald, Garrett Francis: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H—S. Parramatta Public School.

Flannery, Edmund Francis P.: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Balmain Public School.

Fletcher, Harold Brisbane: History and geography S, English H, French H, Latin H, arithmetic L, geometry L—Newington College.

Flett, Kenneth George: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H—Sydney Grammar School.

Flynn, William Thomas: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin L, Greek L, geometry L—St. Patrick's College, Goulburn.

Ford, Allan Bateman: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, geometry L—Mr. Bowyer.

Freeman, Herbert George: History and geography S, arithmetic L—Windsor Grammar School.

Frewin, William: Preliminary S, English H, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—St. Patrick's College, Goulburn.

Furner, Alice Elizabeth: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L—William-street Public School.

Gelling, Benjamin Richard: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Wallsend Public School.

Gelling, Theodore: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Wallsend Public School.

Gill, Janie: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L—Alberto College.

Gillespie, Joseph: Preliminary S, English L, French L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H — St. Patrick's College, Goulburn.

Golledge, William Arthur: English H, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Newington College.

Gower, Ida Louisa: Preliminary S, English L, French L, arithmetic H, geometry L—Macquarie House, Bathurst.

Graham, Ernest Davis: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, German L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Grundy, Samuel: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Albury Grammar School.

Hamilton, James: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, German H, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H — Brisbane Grammar School.

Harvison, George James: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L—Kiama Public School.

Hayles, Edith Gertrude: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, geometry L—Macquarie House, Bathurst.

Higgins, Lizzie Isobel Irene: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French L—Springfield College.

Hill, Charles Augustus: History and geography S, English H, Latin L, algebra L—Sydney Grammar School.

Hills, Richard Thomas: Preliminary S, French L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Sauchie House, Maitland.

Hodgson, Charles H.: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French H, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Toowoomba Grammar School.

Holle, Ernest Theodore: Preliminary S, English L, French L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Oaklands.

Hollingworth, Albert Charles: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L, geometry L—Ryde Public School.

Jackson, William—Preliminary S, English H, German L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Ipswich Grammar School.

James, William: History and geography S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek H, algebra H—Sydney Grammar School.

Jenkins, Grace L. V: Preliminary S, English H, French H—Springfield College.

Johnson, John James: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—St. Kilian's College, Brisbane.

Jones, George Frederic: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek H, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Jones, Thomas Edward (prize of £10): Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek H, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Kent, Irving: Preliminary E, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Mr. E. D. Gouly.

Kent, Sydney: Preliminary S, English H, arithmetic H, algebra L—Mr. E. D. Gouly.

King, Cecil John: Preliminary S, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Private.

King, Copland: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, algebra L—Private.

King, Wiliam Cooper: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, Greek H, arithmetic L, algebra L—Sydney Grammar School.

Kite, Lillian Mary: Preliminary S, history and geography S, French H—The Misses Cooke.

Klein, Henry John: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geography L—Richmond Public School.

Kline, John: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Sacred Heart College, Maitland.

Lanarock, William: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Leigh, Frederic Barker: English H, arithmetic H, geometry L—The King's School.

Leigh, William Alfred: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, geometry L—Oaklands.

Leverrier, Frank: Preliminary S, English L, French H, Latin L, arithmetic L, algebra H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School,

Liddle, Percy Herbert: Preliminary S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H—Brisbane Grammar School.

Lilley, Annie Mary: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French L, Latin H, arithmetic L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Little, John Orr: History and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Surry Hills Wesleyan School.

Lipscomb, John J.: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H—Sauchie House, Maitland.

Locklett, John Francis: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Macintosh, Catherine M.: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French L, arithmetic L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Mackins, John: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—St. Patrick's College, Goulburn.

Martin, Horace Edwin: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Mr. Bowyer.

M'Credie, John: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Burwood Public School.

M'Dougall, Stuart Brisbane: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L—Toowoomba Grammar School.

M'Evilly, Ulrick: Preliminary S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—St. Patrick's College, Goulburn.

M'Farlane, George Henry: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Mudgee Public School.

M'Intyre, John Edwin: History and geography S, English H, French L, Latin H, Greek H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

M'Kay, Charles: Preliminary S, history and geography S, Latin H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

M'Kay, John Roderick: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Orange Grammar School.

M'Lean, John Alexander: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, geometry L—Kiama Public School.

M'Lucas, Roderick: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—Woodford Dale Public School.

M'Phie, Alexander: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geography H—Dunmore Public School.

M'Phie, Niel Angus: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Dunmore Public School.

Mears, Rosetta Julia: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—William-street Public School.

Mercer, Montague Dallas: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry H—Paddington Public School.

Miller, Herbert John: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H—Sydney Grammar School.

Montagu, Jessie Beatrice: Preliminary S, English H, French H—Mrs. Montagu.

Moore, John: Preliminary S, English H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

Morton, Mark Fairles: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Presbyterian School, Shoalhaven.

Morton, Oswald Gordon: English L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Presbyterian School, Shoalhaven.

Moss, Lawrence: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H—Sydney Grammar School.

Mutton, Harry Parton: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, geometry L—Crown-street Public School.

Nathan, Alfred Woodward: History and geography S, English L, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H—Sydney Grammar School.

Neale, Alfred John Thomas: English L, Latin L—Sydney Grammar School.

Newsham, Florence Edith: Preliminary S, English L, French L, geometry L—Macquarie House, Bathurst.

Newton, Rowland George: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic L—St. John's School, Mudgee.

Nicholls, William Henry: Preliminary S, English H, French L, arithmetic L, geometry H—Mr. Ord.

Nicholson, William: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, geometry L—Presbyterian School, Shoalhaven.

Nisbet, Walter Blake—Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Brisbane Grammar School.

Oakes, Leslie Manton: Preliminary S, English H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Newington College.

O'Dwyer, Michael: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Crown-street Public School.

Ogg, Allan Gordon: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

O'Sullivan, Patrick Alban: Preliminary S, English H, German L, Latin L, arithmetic H, geometry L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Palmer, John Ewen: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, Latin L—Oaklands.

Palmer, William Harrington: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L, geometry L—Mr. Blackmore.

Paterson, Andrew Barton: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin H, arithmetic H—Sydney Grammar School.

Paterson, John Edward: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L—Sydney Grammar School.

Peers, Frank J.: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Balmain Public School.

Piddington, Albert Bathurst: History and geography S, English H, French H, Latin H, Greek H, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

Pollock, David Alexander: English L, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic L, algebra L—Sydney Grammar School.

Pratt, Alfred Ernest: Preliminary S, English H, Latin H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Price, James Thomas B.: Preliminary S, English L, German L, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Brisbane Grammar School.

Punch, Thomas Herbert J.: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Balmain Public School.

Read, Mary Ann: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, algebra L—Dunmore Public School.

Richards, Henry: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, geometry L—Milford School.

Ritchie, Robert Fergus: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—S. Parramatta Public School.

Rodgers, Jordan: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H, geometry H—Newington College.

Rogers, John Robert: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H—Newcastle Public School.

Rolin, Tom: History and geography S, English H, French L, Latin H, Greek H, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

Rountree, Cameron Sutcliffe: History and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, Geometry H—The King's School.

Rudd, Harry: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Richmond Public School.

Rush, Maria Rebecca: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—Cleveland-street Public School.

* Russell, Emily Louisa: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—the Misses Hooper.

* Russell, Jane Foss: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—the Misses Hooper.

Rygate, Charles Daniel H.: English L, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Rygate, Philip William: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Newington College.

Saddington, Mary Menzies: Preliminary S, English H, French H—Miss Martin.

Schultz, Ernest Ludwig: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Balmain Public School.

Shand, Alexander Barclay: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Burwood Public School.

Shelton Edwin: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Balmain Public School.

Sheppard, Albert William: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, geometry L—St. John's School, Mudgee.

Sherring, Joseph William: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Shute, Richard: Preliminary S, English L, French L, Latin H, arithmetic H, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Skarratt, Lucy Anne: Preliminary S, English H, French H—the Misses Hooper.

Smith, Percy Cockburn: Preliminary S, French H, Latin L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Toowoomba Grammar School.

Solomon, Alexander Mark: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, geometry L—Fort-street Public School.

Somerville, Anne Isabella: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H—Cleveland-street Public School.

Stephens, Alfred George: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French L, Latin H, arithmetic L—Toowoomba Grammar School.

Stonier, George Alfred: History and geography S, English L, French H, Latin H, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

Street, John William: Preliminary S, English L, French L, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Sydney Grammar School.

Street, Philip Whistler: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Stuart, Catherine Fanny: Preliminary S, arithmetic L, algebra L—Dunmore Public School.

Sutherland, Constance A.: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H—Glebe Public School.

Sutherland, George Whitfeld: History and geography S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Private.

Sydes, Edward John: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, German L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Ipswich Grammar School.

Tarpiee, William Frederic: Preliminary S, English H, French L, Latin H, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Sydney Grammar School.

Taylor, Edgar: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H—Burwood Public School.

Thomas, Roderick Archibald: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Grafton Grammar School.

Thomson, Thomas Mackenzie: Preliminary S, history and geography S, arithmetic H, geometry H—Sydney Grammar School.

Therburn, James Thomas: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H, geometry H—Cambewarra Public School.

Trevitt, William Thomas: Preliminary S, English H, arithmetic H, algebra L—Ryde Public School.

Wade, Charles William: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L—Dunmore Public School.

Walker, Frederick William: History and geography S, English L, Latin L—Windsor Grammar School.

Walsh, Western: Preliminary S, French L, Latin L, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry H—Mr. Bowyer.

Warder, Winter David: Preliminary S, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Newington College.

Watkin, Edmund: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic L, geometry L—Surry Hills Wesleyan School.

Watson, Henry John: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L, algebra H—Burwood Public School.

Waugh, Mary Ann: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, Latin L, arithmetic L, geometry H—Brisbane Grammar School.

White, Ethel Gertrude: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic L—St. John's School, Mudgee.

White, Marian: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, French L—Alberto College.

Whitfeld, Jessie Mary: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, French H, arithmetic H, geometry L—Miss Whitfeld.

Wilks, William Henry: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry L—Balmain Public School.

Williams, Cyrus J. R.: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic L, algebra L, geometry H—Brisbane Grammar School.

Williams, Thomas Henry: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic L—Mr. J. W. Fletcher.

Wilson, Townsend: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic L—Sydney Grammar School.

Wilson, Walter Frederick: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, German L, Latin L, Greek L, arithmetic H, geometry L, Brisbane Grammar School.

Wickham, Edward Charles: Preliminary S, English L, Latin L, arithmetic H, geometry H—The King's School.

Wilton, William: Preliminary S, English L, arithmetic H—Mudgee Public School.

Wiseman, Florrie May: Preliminary S, History and geography S, English L, French L—The Misses Hooper.

Wood, Arthur: History and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra H, geometry H—Lambton Public School.

Wood, John Robert: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English L, arithmetic H, algebra L—Newcastle Public School.

Woodward, Ernest Adolphus: Preliminary S, history and geography S, English H, arithmetic H, algebra L, geometry L—Newington College.

* Equal for the Fairfax Prize.

GREAT BRITAIN AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.—Cardinal Manning holds that the Imperial policy of England entails religious obligations of the most comprehensive scope. At a meeting of the Roman Catholic clergy and laity in Liverpool some time ago, he reminded them that when God raised up a mighty empire He did it for a purpose. The old Roman Empire did its work, and it was crushed, crumbled, and utterly destroyed. The great Catholic Empire of Spain had passed away like a shadow, and the greatest empire the world had ever seen for extent was the British Empire, which they had helped to build up. They had what Spain never had. They possessed at this time an eighteenth portion, at least, of the habitable globe, and had over 240,000,000 of fellow-subjects; and these 240,000,000 of men, with their 150 princes and chieftains—these realms and kingdoms and principalities—were all gathered under the sovereignty of the British Empire. Was this without a divine purpose? Was it to pass away as a shadow like Spain? Upon them it depended to give answer under God, if they were to be faithful to their duty. If they partook of the greatness of that empire, they partook of its responsibilities. If they partook of its wealth, they partook of its duties. If they partook of its powers, they would partake of its doom. Englishmen must cope with paganism within their mighty empire.

COUNTRY NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALBURY, Dec. 21.

The following selections were taken up at the local land office on Thursday:—Bank of Australasia, 40 acres, county of Goulburn, parish of Gerogery; Edward James Aldridge, 50 acres, county of Goulburn, parish of Mullengandra; Thomas Nyhaw, 120 acres, county of Goulburn, parish of Mountain Creek. Total, 210 acres.

For the first time, for a very long period, an advertised sale of Crown lands has fallen through. At the sale announced for Wednesday last nine lots were offered, consisting of country lands in the parishes of Comer and Jerrybie, and not a single bid was received for any portion. The lands were all lapsed conditional purchases, carrying a valuation for improvements over and above the minimum upset price, and this perhaps may account to some extent for the absence of any desire to invest.

And speaking of Crown lands, I may mention what appears to me a rather singular proceeding on the part of the Lands' Department. In 1871 a conditional purchase was taken up, and the conditions thereon, I am informed, duly fulfilled. At all events, the usual declaration was tendered and accepted in 1874, since which time the interest has been regularly paid up. A few months ago the land was sold to a newcomer from Victoria, who, previous to completing the purchase, applied to the Lands' Department to know if everything was right in regard to fulfilment of conditions. Receiving a satisfactory reply he completed the purchase, and took possession of the land. Hardly however, had he done so before a summons came to hand intimating that the fulfilment of conditions on the holding was about to form the subject of investigation at the next sitting of the Court of Inquiry, and as a matter of fact the case has since been heard. It has since been ascertained that the investigation took place at the instance of a private informer—the lessee of the run—who laid his information over eight months ago, so that when the purchaser was informed by the Lands Department, that the title to the land was all clear, the officials must have known, or at any rate ought to have known, that it had been referred to the Commissioner for inquiry, and was therefor in jeopardy.

The following sales of local stock took place in the Melbourne market on Wednesday:—103 head fat bullocks and cows, from Mr. J. Pearce, Greg Greg, Upper Murray, to £7 10s; 45 fat cows, for Mr. Walker, Kulki, to £4 15s; 29 fat bullocks, for Mr. Waters, Corryong, Upper Murray, to £8 2s 6d; 8 bullocks for Mr. Wright, to £6 10s. In the Beechworth market on the same day, the following lots were disposed of:—33 head of fat bullocks, for Mr. Thomas Cahill, Nooroncong, to £4 7s 6d, cows to £4 10s; 455 fat sheep, from the Yanko, 9s 9d; 40 head cows from the Yanko.

A fire broke out recently on the premises of Mr. H. G. Oeding, near Corowa, several valuable stacks of hay being destroyed. The outbreak of the fire having taken place under somewhat suspicious circumstances, a coroner's inquest was held upon the fire last Wednesday, by Captain Brownrigg. A large amount of evidence was taken with no particularly definite result, so far as the discovery of the cause of the fire was concerned, the jury bringing in a verdict to the effect that the stacks had been maliciously set on fire, but that there was not sufficient evidence to show who was the incendiary.

A cyclone of extraordinary violence passed through the district yesterday afternoon. Crossing the Murray from the Victorian side of the river, it pursued a north-easterly course, leaving a well defined trail behind it. Enormous gum trees were rooted up and carried away like so many bunches of straw, houses were unroofed, telegraph poles destroyed, and, in short, general destruction marked the line of route. From the injury done to the telegraph line communication was interrupted both with Melbourne and Sydney, and rumours were freely circulated to the effect that the Kelly gang of bushrangers had been again at work.

The people of Jinders may at length take heart of grace. An intimation was received a few days since to the effect that £100 had been placed on the Estimates for the construction of the much-needed reservoir. This announcement came to hand in response to a memorial from the locality, presented by Mr. George Day. On receipt of the letter a public meeting was called and a resolution passed thanking Mr. Day for his good offices in the matter.

The heat during the greater part of the week has been very severe. Yesterday for some hours the thermometer stood at 105° in the shade. A thunderstorm which passed over the town in the afternoon reduced the temperature some 10 degrees, but the air has been very oppressive since, and is so still.

The season, so far, has been highly favourable to the vineyards. The vines have made excellent growth, and the show of fruit promises an abundant yield. Oidium has again made its appearance in one or two vineyards, but the sulphur remedy, wherever applied, proves, as usual, perfectly effectual in staying the development of the disease.

The annual examination of the children—some hundreds—attending the schools carried on in connection with the Albury Convent by the Sisters of Mercy, was conducted by the Very Rev. Dr. M'Alroy. On Monday the pupils attending the elementary school were put through their facings, and gave very satisfactory replies to a series of well-considered test questions. At the close of the examination a large number of prizes were distributed. On Tuesday, the higher schools, including the Convent boarding-school, were examined in presence of a very large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils. The educational course here is on a somewhat more pretentious character, and includes tuition in music, French, Italian, drawing, &c., &c., in all of which branches the progress for the year was encouraging. The exhibition of plain and fancy needlework was especially good.

The last meeting of the Municipal Council for the year was held on Wednesday evening, the Mayor in the chair. A letter was read from the Lands Department, in reply to the Council's request for the erection of a new telegraph office adjoining the new Post-office in Kiewa-street, stating that there was not sufficient ground available on the site in question without encroaching on the land belonging to the lock-up or the Courthouse, and that the Chief Justice and expressed his disapproval of any such encroachment. This intimation was anything but good news for the Council, who, in addition to a desire to have the public buildings erected on the most commanding sites in the town, had in making the request referred to, also been animated by a hope that the site of the present telegraph office (an insignificant structure out of all keeping with the requirements of the town) would have been ceded to them by way of compensation for the block of land they gave up to the Government some years ago for the police buildings. The letter from the department was, however, accompanied by another from Mr. George Day, the member for the district, who recommended the Council to memorialise the Government for a money grant of £2000 in lieu of the land, and promised, in the event or such application proving unsuccessful, that he would bring the matter by resolution directly under the notice of the Assembly. It was decided to act upon Mr. Day's suggestion, and the Town-clerk was instructed to prepare the memorial accordingly.

The report of the town surveyor was read, concerning the complaint lodged by Mr. Plummer of damage done to his property by the drainage works at the south end of the town. The report went to show that the damage was caused entirely by the complainant's own act. It appears that between his property and a large area of land, subject to submersion, lies a bank forming portion of a municipal reserve. With this bank he had no right to interfere, but he nevertheless cut into it wholesale for brick-making purposes, and thus let the water on to his lands. The report, which was adopted, of course disposes finally of Mr. Plummer's claims on the Council. A letter was received from the Lands Department with regard to the vexed question of the closing of a portion of Smollett-street. The matter was left entirely in the hands of the Council, with an intimation however that a bill would have to be passed if the permanent closing of the street were desired. A letter from Mr. Day, M.L.A., accompanied this communication, in which Mr. Day stated that he would not care to undertake the responsibility or introducing a bill for the closing of the street unless, by resolutions passed at a public meeting of the ratepayers convened for the purpose, he was assured that such a course would be generally acceptable to the townspeople. No action was taken on this latter. Mr. Day further stated that so far he had only been able to induce the Government to place £100 upon the Estimates for the improvement of the Botanical Reserve. A letter was received from the department of the Postmaster-General stating that the Council's application for a coach mail service to Urana could not at present be entertained.

News has just come to hand of a crushing of a small parcel of stone from the Cotton Tree having yielded at the rate of 1½ oz. to the ton. This is of course only a trial, but consisting probably of picked stone, so that very little reliance can be placed upon the figures as a test of the value of the reefs in that neighbourhood. Another parcel is, however, being put through the mill at Bethanga from the same quarter, the returns from which I shall probably be in a position to supply next week.

Business generally is dull. There is very little doing in stock.

The man Herbert, alias Leslie, committed for trial last week for bigamy was again brought before the Police Magistrate at the gaol, this afternoon, when evidence of a third marriage having been tendered, he was committed on a further charge.

TUMUT, Dec. 21.

During the early part of the week we experienced one or two slight showers, which brought us temporary relief from the prevailing heat and dust, but the hot weather speedily returned. Yesterday afternoon a thunderstorm came up from the south-west, the wind blew a strong gale, and the rain, which fell heavily, soon abated. A second storm was observed to rise in the north, and travel along the ranges to the east of the town; after nightfall rain set in again, and continued in a regular downpour for some hours. The weather is still unsettled.

The farmers are rejoicing at the agreeable change in the weather, the rain has done no damage to the wheat worth mentioning, when compared with the great benefit the corn crops will derive from this seasonable visitation. It is feared that those who have gone largely into the cultivation of tobacco here, will sustain considerable loss this year. A disease which, for want of a better name, is called mildew, has attacked the plants, and in one week acres of plants have perished. The evil is not confined to any particular locality, being general throughout the district, though the plantations on Tumut Plains seem to have suffered the most. Where the disease is present, brown blotches appear upon the upper surface of the leaves, while underneath they are covered with a yellowish white powder, having a peculiar musty odour; the roots of the plants are also affected. When this pest

Government Notices.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN, and RICHMOND LINES.

HAWKESBURY RACES,
26th December, 1878.

Trains will leave Redfern for the Racecourse on the day of the Races as follows, viz. 8.50 a.m., 9.5 a.m., and 10.35 am.

RETURN FARES—SECOND CLASS.

	s.	d.
From Sydney	4	0
" Parramatta Junction and Parramatta ...	3	6
" Seven Hills...	3	0
" Blacktown	2	6
" Riverstone	1	6
" Mulgrave	0	9

A fourth train (first-class carriages only) will leave the Redfern Station for the Racecourse direct, at 11.20 a.m. Return fares, 1s.

A limited number only of tickets can be issued, application for which must be made, on or before the 24th instant, to the Station Master, at Redfern, or at the Central Railway Office, George-street.

No passengers will be booked for the Racecourse by the ordinary passengers' train leaving Sydney at 9 a.m. The return trains will leave after the last train.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP,
Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch, Sydney,
14th December, 1878.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN, and RICHMOND LINES.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that Tickets, at Special Excursion Rates, will be issued for these Holidays at all Stations, to all Stations for distances over 15 miles, commencing with the mail trains on the 20th December, and terminating on 1st January, 1879, both days inclusive, available for return for distances of 50 miles and under until 8th January, and for distances over 50 miles for one month.

Similar tickets will be issued on 24th, 25th, 26th, and 31st December, and 1st January, for distances under 15 miles, available for return same or following day.

Horses and Vehicles will be conveyed, at single fare, for the double journey.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP,
Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch, Sydney,
16th December, 1878.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN, and RICHMOND LINES.

HAWKESBURY RACES,
26th December, 1878.

To the above Races, Horses will be conveyed at a Single Fare for the Double Journey from this date up to the 24th December, available for return journey until 8th January, 1879.

To ensure this privilege owners of horses will be expected to produce the certificate of the Secretary to the Racing Club, that the horses are bona fide entries for the race.

Passengers wishing to attend these races can avail themselves of the Excursion Tickets issued for the Christmas Holidays.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP,
Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch,
Sydney, 16th December, 1878.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th, and BOXING DAY,
26th December, 1878.

No GOODS will be received or delivered on the above days at the Redfern goods shed, but arrangements will be made for the delivery of perishables and live stock up to 10 a.m.

CHARLES A. GOODCHAP,
Commissioner for Railways.

Department of Public Works,
Railway Branch, Sydney, 24th December, 1878.

Department of Public Works,
Roads Branch, Sydney, 20th December, 1878.

FRESH TENDERS.

Attention is directed to GAZETTE notice inviting tenders for undermentioned work, viz. :—

Supply of Drain Pipes for the Southern District for 1879.
Time for receipt of tenders—January 7th.

JOHN SUTHERLAND.

Department of Public Works, Railway Branch,
Sydney, 5th December, 1878.

SUPPLY OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK FOR FIVE YEARS, ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1883.—TENDERS will be received at this Office, until 11 o'clock on TUESDAY, the 14th January next, from persons willing to contract for the supply of Rolling Stock (other than Locomotives) required for the Government Railways of New South Wales, for the five years ending 31st December, 1883.

Estimates of requirements for each year and specifications and forms of Tenders may be seen, and further particulars obtained at the office of the Locomotive Engineer, Redfern Station, on and after the 20th day of December next.

Tenders are to be endorsed, "Tender for Railway Rolling Stock," and each tender must be accompanied by a Treasury deposit receipt for the sum of £200, which will be forfeited in the event of the acceptance of the tender, should the contractor fail to provide the cash deposit and execute the agreement at the time named in the specification.

The Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Note.—Tenders will be received for the supplies for the South and West lines, and for the Northern line separately, and the contract will be subdivided as follows, Tenders being received for each subdivision :—

Contract No. 1.—First-class Carriages, including Composite and Sleeping Cars.
No. 2.—Second-class Carriages, Mail Vans, Prison Vans, Hearses, Powder Vans, Meat Vans, and Covered Vans.
No. 3.—Brake Vans.
No. 4.—Cattle Waggons, Sheep Trucks, and Horse Boxes.
No. 5.—Waggons A, B, D, E, and Ballast and Carriage Trucks.

CHAS. A. GOODCHAP,
Commissioner for Railways.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
23rd December, 1878.

PROVISION CONTRACT.—BENEVOLENT ASYLUM, LIVERPOOL.

Fresh TENDERS will be received at this Office, until 12 o'clock on MONDAY, the 30th instant, for furnishing the supplies undermentioned in such quantities as may be required from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1879, upon the conditions specified in GAZETTE notice of the 30th November, 1878.

Printed forms of tender may be obtained at this office, or at the office of the Manager of the Government Asylums.

Further particulars and information may be obtained on application to the Manager of the Government Asylums.

It is to be distinctly understood that the Government will not necessarily accept the lowest or any tender.

Section 4.—For Liverpool.

Firewood	per 100 lbs.	
Coal	per ton	
Straw	per cwt.	

For conditions of contract, &c., see GAZETTE notice above referred to.

JAMES WATSON,

Department of Public Works, Sydney,
25th December, 1878.

TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.—TENDERS are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars see GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, a file of which is kept at every Post-office in the colony.

Tenderers may be in attendance when the tenders are opened, and the name of the successful tenderer will be announced, if possible, before the duties of the Board have terminated.

No tender will be taken into consideration unless the terms of the notice are strictly complied with.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Nature of Works and Supplies.	Dates to which Tenders can be received at this office.
Construction of Iron Steam Tug, for Sydney	
Erection of Post and Telegraph Office, Port Macquarie	
Works in connection with sea wall, Coogee Bay	
Construction of a Wharf, and Shed, Bermagui	
Construction of a Wharf, at Numbucora River, near Post and Telegraph Office	
Construction of an Approach to Brushgrove Wharf, Clarence River	
Extension of the Jetty at Eden	
Fencing in New Pound, Richmond	11 o'clock on Tuesday, 31st instant.
Erection of 8 Cottages, for Railway Purposes, at North Wagga Wagga	
Erection of Police Barracks, Walgett	
Post and Telegraph Office, Penrith	
Supply of an Engine Boiler for the Government Printing Office.	
Erection of Post and Telegraph Office, West Maitland	
Supply of Timber for the Great Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways, for the year 1879.	
Erection of Engine-shed, Ashpits, and 4 Cottages at Murrumburrah Railway Station.	
Erection of Post and Telegraph Office, Walgett	
Erection Police Barracks, Casino.	
Bridge over Ewenmar Creek, Road Tenandra to Warren	
Reconstruction of O'Brien's Bridge, Yass River	11 o'clock on Tuesday, 7th January next.
Supply of Drain Pipes, Roads Branch, Southern District, during 1879.	
Supplying Railway Rolling-stock for five years ending 31st December, 1883.	
Works necessary for Draining Land, Macleay River	11 o'clock on Tuesday, 14th January next.
Bridge over Westbrook Creek, Road Singleton to Cooper's Flat	
New Railway Passenger Station, at West Maitland, G. N. R.	
Bridge over the Talgeralka Creek at Menindie	11 o'clock on Tuesday, 28th January next.

JOHN SUTHERLAND.

Borough Council Notices.

BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRIA.—FIVE POUNDS REWARD will be paid by the above Borough and the Trustees of the Waterloo Estate, upon conviction of any person or persons depositing nightsoil on any vacant land vested in the said Trustees, and situated in this municipality.

CHARLES B. HENDERSON,
Mayor.

Council-chambers, Bastian-street,
13th December, 1878.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.—£10 REWARD.—Whereas a quantity of NIGHT SOIL was deposited on Monday night last, in the waterhole, at the southern end of Bay-street, Double Bay, by some person or persons unknown : It is hereby notified that the sum of £10 sterling will be paid to any one (other than the offenders) giving such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons guilty of the above-named offence.

By order of the Mayor,
SAMUEL SYMONDS,
Council Clerk.

Council-chambers, 24th December, 1878.

Public Companies.

COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY.

A Branch of this Bank is now OPEN at Back Creek, Barraba, for the transaction of all ordinary Banking business.

T. A. DIBBS,
Manager.

Sydney, 5th December, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY.
[Established 1872.]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The business of this Society is now conducted in their new offices, No. 164, Pitt-street (next door but one north of the EVENING NEWS Office).

WALTER CHURCH,
Manager.

Sydney, November 23rd, 1878.

BRITISH AND AUSTRALASIAN TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY.

Capital, £3,000,000, with power to increase.

LOANS ON FREEHOLD AND OTHER SECURITY.

Forms of application and full particulars from the attorneys,
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Risks accepted at lowest rates.
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Risks on first-class dwellings, Churches, and Schools in Sydney and suburbs at 1s 6d per cent.

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Established 1849.
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Dr. W. F. Mackenzie, L.R.C.P. (Edin.), Lyons-terrace.
ACTUARY : Morrice A. Black, F.I.A. | SECRETARY : Alex. J. Ralston.

Invested Funds	£2,200,000
Annual income	£550,000
Amount assured	£13,000,000
Claims paid	£850,000
Policies in force	31,000

LAST YEAR OF THE QUINQUENNIUM.
SIXTH DIVISION OF PROFITS.

The whole of the profits are divided amongst the assured, and bonuses to the amount of £91,000 have already been allotted. The last division of profits took place in 1874, and the cash surplus then divided amounted to £235,000, giving additions to policies averaging £3 per cent. per annum on the sum assured. The bonuses paid on policies becoming claims have varied from £14 per cent. on the sum assured for a policy of five years' standing to £150 per cent. for one of 25 years' duration. Bonuses become vested additions to policies when they have been full five years in force.

The profits realised during the last five years will be ascertained and divided as at 31st December next, and all policies issued on or before that date will be entitled to participate in the profits of the quinquennium.

Copies of the last annual report, with accounts, prospectuses, and forms of proposals, may be obtained on application at any of the Society's Offices or Agencies.

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For Mutual Life Assurance, Annuities, and Endowments.
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This Society offers to its constituents every benefit and advantage which the progress of actuarial science proves to be safe and desirable. Its policies are indestructible and free of all restrictions from date of issue.

The entire profits are divided among insurers.

The directors are now prepared to accept proposals, and to adjust and settle claims.

S. MAC DONNELL,
Resident Secretary.

COLONIAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY (Limited).

The Report for the Half-year ending 30th September, 1878, shows New Business transacted as follows, viz. :—

137 new policies issued, assuring	£259,710	0 0
Increasing the annual income by	£13,361	18 5

Report for three months ending 30th November :

74 new policies, assuring	£209,100	0 0
Increase to annual income	£7,843	18 9
Total premium income on 30th November... ...	£61,882	17 2

All Profits belong to the Members.

The First Quinquennial Investigation for Profits will be made as on the 31st March, 1879.

Offices, 153 and 155, Pitt-street, Sydney.
ALFRED CHANDLER, Secretary.

GREAT REDUCTIONS IN FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

The NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY are prepared to insure FIRST-CLASS Buildings in Sydney and suburbs (not used for the purposes of trade) at ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE PER CENT., and ALL OTHER RISKS at proportionate rates of premium.

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Marine and Fire Risks of every description accepted at current rates.

Metropolitan made payable in London, or at any of the Company's agencies when required.

E. L. MONTEFIORE, Manager.

COLONIAL MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited).

FIRE AND GUARANTEE.

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Fidelity Bonds granted at minimum rates to Government, municipal, bank, mercantile, and other officials, avoiding the unpleasantness and difficulty in obtaining security from private friends.

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All other information can be had at the offices of the Society 153 and 155, Pitt-street, corner new Post Office-street, Sydney.

ALFRED CHANDLER, Secretary.

THE COLONIAL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

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Forward full particulars on application to the undersigned.

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THE NATIONAL MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA (Limited.)

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MAGNIFICENT SOLID ENGLISH OAK LIBRARY SUITE beautifully carved, covered buff morocco
PAIR VERY BEAUTIFUL BUHL CHIFFONIERS, incised with gold, polished Venetian plate-glass back, bevelled edge, panels and back, carried with exquisitely finished paintings, rich floral design, landscape, and pair full-size figures representing summer and winter.
SUPERB SOLID WALNUT BOOKCASE, plate-glass doors, inlaid with ebony, ambrynas and tulip fancy design.
LADY'S CHASTE BUHL WRITING TABLE, fitted with drawers, inclosed with gold, Venetian polished plate-glass back, bevelled edge, bannister rail top, enriched with two cleverly painted full-size figures on satin wood.
VERY ELEGANT PIER GLASSES, in BEAUTIFUL Buhl frames, richly ornamented with gold.
MAGNIFICENT BUHL INLAID and RICHLY GILT DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, covered imitation Gobelin tapestry.
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ROBERT HARDY, Furniture Warehouseman, 33, Park and Castlereagh streets, furnishes houses from £10 to £1000 upon easiest terms offered in the city. Weekly or monthly payments. N.B.—Goods marked in plain figures, no deception.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
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GREAT INDUCEMENTS.
DISCOUNT all overcoats on all cash sales during the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
and the COMING FESTIVE SEASONS.

SINGER'S NEW IMPROVED TRIPLE ACTION BALANCE-WHEEL, REDUCED CASH PRICES, £7 10s.
DISCOUNT, 5 PER CENT. DISCOUNT, for CASH, 5 PER CENT.

Therefore, REMEMBER, No. 1, Hunter-street, is the only place for
the GENUINE SINGER'S TRIPLE ACTION Balance-wheel SEWING-MACHINE, where all business is carried out on the principle of public interest, our motto being "Civility and Integrity and best Articles."

Hitherto the public have PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES well satisfied, and we beg to thank the public for their past liberal support, and feel confident that in future this NOTED HOUSE will not fail to receive a FAIR COMPLIMENT of public patronage.

At No. 1, HUNTER-STREET we have terms to meet every one.

☞ WHY be WITHOUT a REAL GENUINE SINGER'S SEWING-MACHINE, when it can be obtained at two shillings (2s) per week, and 5s (FIVE SHILLINGS) deposit. On terms of the MOST TOY MACHINE now offered to the PUBLIC, at a few SHILLINGS OVER the CASH PRICE.

G. J. WELLS (late STANFORD and CO.),
Sole AUTHORISED AGENCY for the SINGER'S MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
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CHOICE SELECTION
of
HIGH-CLASS LONDON-MADE FURNITURE,
ex Boordsheridge,
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FOR PRIVATE SALE,
at the
FURNITURE SHOW-ROOMS of the UNDERSIGNED,
comprising
a most complete assortment of
DINING-ROOM,
HALL,
DRAWING-ROOM
LIBRARY
and
BEDROOM REQUISITES
be BEST ENGLISH MANUFACTURE, and of the latest designs.

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Wholesale buyers liberally dealt with.

Experienced packers are retained for the safe dispatch of goods for the country or for shipment.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB,
Auctioneers and General Commission Agents,
Spring and O'Connell streets.

AUSTRIAN FURNITURE.

THONET'S Genuine Beach Bent Wood FURNITURE,
ex recent ARRIVALS, now on view.
AUSTRIAN FOLDING CHAIRS, ARM CHAIRS, ROCKING CHAIRS, DINING CHAIRS,
COUCHES, CAMP STOOLS, WARDROBES, PIANOS,
AUSTRIAN BLINDS, VERANDAH BLINDS,
very SUPERIOR PICTURE-FRAME MOULDINGS, OIL PAINTINGS,
FANS, LACES, LADIES' KID GLOVES,
and
VARIOUS FANCY GOODS, &c.
MEERSCHAUM PIPES, VIENNA FIRST-CLASS MERSCHAUM
Sir H. PARKES, Sir JOHN ROBERTSON, Hon. W. B. DALLEY, M'ELHONE, &c., &c.
at very low prices.
INSPECTION INVITED.
Austrian Chairs from 7s 6d each.
THE TRADE LIBERALLY TREATED.
W. B. LEE, Importer,
33, Hunter-street,
between Pitt and Castlereagh-streets.

SIXTEEN of the ASSISTANTS will be retained, and the ROYAL FURNISHING ARCADE
will remain OPEN UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK
FRIDAY, AND EVERY EVENING
UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

THE GREAT RUSH of TRADE for PRESENTS and GIFTS renders this step ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

W. B. CAMPBELL.

TURNER and CO. 349, GEORGE-STREET,
SOLE AUTHORISED AGENCY
for the Williams Manufacturing Co.'s
AMERICAN SINGER'S, £7.
or BY INSTALMENT of 5s DEPOSIT and 2s. WEEKLY,
SUPPLIED WITH the NEW TRIPLE ACTION.
THE TERMS BEING REDUCED,
there is now no excuse for the poorest to purchase
IMITATIONS of these CELEBRATED MACHINES.
THE HOME SHUTTLE, £4.
THE WANZER 'A.,' £4 10s.
Avoid buying cheap needles, they spoil the best machines. Singer's needles, 1s 6d dozen; oil, 6d 2-oz. bottle. All kinds of fittings in stock. Send for a circular.

TURNER and CO., 349, George-street.

THE MECHANICAL EPIDEMIC.—It is a repeated fact that the introduction of one particular article of trade into any of the leading families in this colony has created a regular demand for the same, and so gradually and surely has this extended from one home circle to another, that even the most opposing power is unable to check its progress. And after all, it is a blessing wherever it goes, which increases with acquaintance, for it is the WILLCOX and GIBBS AUTOMATIC SEWING MACHINE, recommending itself by its own superiority of construction, beautiful work, and ease, rapidity, and silence of operation, so that private recommendation has become more effectual in causing the large demand than any amount of advertising. Those unacquainted as yet with it should lose no time in inspecting same. Willcox and Gibbs Sewing Machine Agency, 452, George-street.

VILLA COMBINED WASHING, MANGLING, and WRINGING MACHINE, the most complete, economical, durable, and effective domestic appliance in the market. Price, £7 10s.
PATENT LEVER MANGLES, from 70s.
PUTMAN WRINGERS, 25s and 30s.
ATMOSPHERIC CHURNS—Butter in three minutes, 7s 6d.
American Tobacco Cutters, 3s 6d.

S. HEBBLEWHITE,
432, George-street.

REMINGTON SEWING MACHINES.
VIENNA and BRISBANE FIRST PRIZE MACHINES.

Another shipment of these celebrated Machines near to hand. Buyers would do well to order in time, so as to SECURE them. These Machines have all the latest improvements, and are guaranteed to give every satisfaction or money returned. Prices reduced, and terms liberal.

J. J. CURRAN, 600, George-street,
Sole Agent for the Australian Colonies.

CHILDREN'S COTS. Children's Cots.—4 cases just landed, and for SALE by J. LAWLER, 517, George-street.

MATTRESSES cleaned and remade by steam. J. LAWLER, 517, George-street, Brickfield-hill.

Coal, Firewood, &c.

NEWCASTLE COAL, and all other fuel, best quality and value. P. J. ELLIOTT and CO., Woolloomooloo Bay.

Auction Sales.

HIGHLAND GATHERING,
to be held on the
Cricket Association Ground, Moore Park,
January 1, 1879.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, on FRIDAY next, at 12 o'clock, Booths, bar, &c., for the above meeting.

Heavy and Stanch Draft Horses.
Subject to Trial.

BRUNKER, WOLFE, and BADGERY have received instructions from Mr. Atkinson to sell by auction, at Wooller's Bazaar, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, the 31st December, 1878, at 3 o'clock,
10 heavy and stanch draught horses, all subject to trial, accustomed to hard work, and ready for immediate use.

Terms cash.

Fat Calves and Lambs for FRIDAY.

BRUNKER, WOLFE, and BADGERY have received instructions to sell by auction, at Ellis and Co.'s Yards, George-street, on FRIDAY, the 28th December, 1878, at 11 o'clock,
50 fine fat calves, from the Murrumbidgee
50 ditto ditto ditto, from Sutton Forest
50 ditto ditto lambs, from the Hunter.

Fat Cattle, for MONDAY.

BRUNKER, WOLFE, and BADGERY have received instructions from John Browne, Esq., J.P., to sell by auction, at Homebush, on MONDAY, the 30th December, at 11 o'clock,
120 head of prime fat cattle.

EMIGRANTS' FITTINGS.

H. VAUGHAN has received instructions to sell by auction, on FRIDAY, 27th instant, at 2.30 o'clock, at the Circular Quay, near the Sailors' Home,
PINE FITTINGS, ex Hereford, which include a large quantity of sound pine board, &c.

FRIDAY, December 27, at 11.

☞ Clearing Sale to close Accounts.

FANCY GOODS, IRONMONGERY, CUTLERY, PLATED JEWELLERY, BRUSHWARE, TINWARE, STATIONERY, HABERDASHERY.
At 12, AN INVOICE OF GOLD JEWELLERY.

JAMES RODD (successor to the late Charles Teakle), will hold a clearing sale, at 60, GEORGE-STREET, as above,
Every line, as usual, will be sold.

☞ The next Drapery Sale on TUESDAY, the 31st instant.

SPECIAL NOTICE

ALICE MARY cargo of
DAMAGED TEAS.

In consequence of the SURVEYORS being unable to complete the survey, the sale has been
POSTPONED
till the FIRST WEEK in JANUARY, 1879. Full particulars will be given,

FRASER and CO.,
Auctioneers,
City Mart.

Preliminary Notice.

ON AN EARLY DAY.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE of the whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, at the Residence of George Kiss, Esq., Ventnor, Randwick, comprising RICHLY CUT GLASS, CHOICE CHINA, VALUABLE PLATE, CHOICE PICTURES, ANTIQUE BRONZES, FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE WORKS OF ART; MAGNIFICENT WALNUT GRAND PIANOFORTE, by COLLARD and COLLARD (special purchase by the proprietor at a cost of about 220 guineas)
FINE UPSTANDING CARRIAGE HORSES, HARNESS, CARRIAGE, COWS, POULTRY, &c.

BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB have received instructions from George Kiss, Esq. (on account of his intended departure for Europe per Lusitania), to sell by auction, at his residence, Ventnor, Randwick, on an early day,
The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

☞ Descriptive catalogues in course of preparation.

THE PUTNEY ESTATE,

PUTNEY AND PUTNEY HEIGHTS,
PARRAMATTA RIVER,
THE NE PLUS ULTRA
AIR, EXERCISE, HEALTH, LIFE.

It is possibly not too much to state that this most beautifully-situated ESTATE possesses advantages unequalled by any upon this sublunary sphere, its beauties are certainly unsurpassed.
Its HEALTH-GIVING QUALITIES are beyond question.
Its CONVENIENCE as to SITUATION is an ascertained fact.
Its EASE OF ACCESS and FREQUENCY of COMMUNICATION are determined by a FIRST-CLASS LINE OF STEAMERS running EVERY HOUR, whilst its general advantages may be summed up as the concentration of everything that can possibly be desired.
Approached from Sydney by EXCELLENT and FAST STEAMERS the route throughout to the new
PUTNEY WHARF
creates a feeling in the breast of the spectator which rises to something beyond delight, and CULMINATES only when
PUTNEY AND ITS HEIGHTS
are reached. FAIRY HANDS are unequal to such formation.
The landscape blended with hill and dale, the rest of which lap the waters of perhaps the most beautiful river in the known world, and all the
BEAUTIES AND ADVANTAGES
of this MAGNIFICENT ESTATE are, through the unselfish desire of the proprietors, now about being offered to the general public,
consequently
GILCHRIST, STUBBS, and WESTON are instructed to sell the whole of this INTRINSICALLY VALUABLE ESTATE by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the GROUND, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of January, at half-past 2 o'clock.
The SUBDIVISION, as prepared by Mr. Surveyor BISHOP, will be found admirably adapted for every variety of requirement.
WATER FRONTAGES,
CHOICE VILLA SITES,
HILL SIDE ALLOTMENTS.

On all of which, while the ground has been partially cleared, are left the reminiscences of nature's early days, manifesting an absence of that prey to stern improvement, the tyranny of which has made countless thousands mourn the ruthless destruction of those forest monarchs, which outside the busy hum of a city boundary, afford so great a charm to the rural retreats where only the mind and body can be duly invigorated to bear the continued strain of a life of thought and toil.

PUTNEY AND ITS HEIGHTS,
in its natural formation holds a pre-eminence over all our WATER MARGINS, its scenery embraces views comprising a magnificent vista stretching away to BURWOOD, HEN and CHICKEN BAY, GLADESVILLE, RYDE, YARALLA, CONCORD (the seat of THOMAS WALKER, Esq.), HOMEBUSH, NEWINGTON, and all the interesting views to PARRAMATTA, with their charming WATER ACCOMPANIMENTS, among which is the now renowned
TESTING COURSE OF ALL COMERS,
fronting which, on portion of the ESTATE,
THE MERCANTILE ROWING CLUB
are about to build their BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT, a fact in itself indicative of the HEALTH and STRENGTH-GIVING QUALITIES of this situation,
THE NEW JETTY AND WHARF
are just completed, and intending purchasers will be landed by ANY STEAMER DURING THE DAY FREE OF CHARGE on application to the Auctioneers, who will furnish TICKETS and LITHOGRAPHS,
AN EXCURSION
will shortly be organised to afford intending purchasers of PUTNEY AND ITS HEIGHTS
an opportunity of fairly inspecting the property. Of this DUE NOTICE will be given. The ground has been CLEARED of UNDERGROWTH, and the several streets are MARKED, so that no MISTAKES can occur in the SELECTION OF ALLOTMENTS.
THE TITLE to the property is indefeasible.
THE TERMS OF SALE

Funerals.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. JOHN MORROW are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Paddington, opposite the Barracks, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8, to the Necropolis. C. KINSELA and SONS, 118, Oxford-street; 737, George-street South.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JOSEPH MORROW are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER, Mr. John Morrow; to move from his late residence, Paddington, opposite the Barracks, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, to the Necropolis. C. KINSELA and SONS, 737, George-street South; and 118, Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. MICHAEL GRIFFIN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Gannon's Forest, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 11 o'clock, to the family graves on estate. C. KINSELA and SONS, George-street, opposite Christ Church; and Oxford-street, near Crown-street.

Public Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.
In the estate and effects of JAMES LUNNEY, the elder, late of Inverell, Hotelkeeper, deceased, intestate.
NOTICE is hereby given that, after fourteen days from the date of the publication hereof in the GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, application will be made to this Honorable Court, in its Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, that Letters of Administration of all and singular the estate and effects of the above-named deceased, may be granted to ISABELLA LUNNEY, of Inverell aforesaid, the lawful widow of the said deceased.
Dated this 24th day of December, A.D. 1878.
JAMES HARVEY HINDMARSH,
Proctor for Applicant, Inverell.
By his Agent, ROBERT HENRY MARINER FORSTER, 203, York-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION.
In the Will of HENRY QUODLING, late of Murrurundi, in the colony of New South Wales, Railway Engineer, deceased.
NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Trust Property Act of 1862, all creditors and other persons having claims against the abovenamed HENRY QUODLING, deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned, Proctor for WILLIAM HENRY QUODLING and WILLIAM LAING, the Executors named in and appointed by the said Will, on or before the 1st day of March next, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have received notice.
Dated this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1878.
ROBERT WILLIAM ROBBERDS, Proctor for the Executors, 130, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IF CAPTAIN R. does not release the Chronometer and Rifle before December 26th, I shall be compelled to sell it to defray expenses. M. W. F. ALZANO, Poultry Farm, Cook's River.

NOTICE.—Any person encouraging JOHN TIGHE from his home will be prosecuted as the law will allow, as he has left his home without any occasion.
MARY JANE CORCORAN,
Elizabeth-street, Camperdown.
December 23, 1878.

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.
NOTICE.—Shareholders are reminded that it is necessary for them to leave their Pass Books at the Societies' Offices, No. 203, York-street, before the end of the year, to be made up and audited in accordance with Rule 11.
By order of the Board,
WILLIAM JARRETT,
Manager.

TO ARCHITECTS.
The Committee of the Brewarrina Hospital invite competitive PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS for a building suitable for an HOSPITAL. A Premium of Twenty-five Pounds (£25) will be given for the design approved of.
A leading feature in directing the Committee's choice will be the suitability of the building for erection in sections.
Plans and specifications to be in the hands of the undersigned not later than 1st April, 1879.
Building to cost from £4000 to £5000.
WM. B. DIXON, Hon. Secretary.

I WILL NOT be answerable for any debts contracted by my WIFE, she having left her home.
EDWARD LE TOUZEL.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—In consequence of the great inconvenience arising from quantities of goods being constantly sent to our Sale Rooms with unobtainable reserve prices, we beg to give notice that in future (except by previous special arrangement) we will not receive any goods for auction sale unless without reserve, leaving us at liberty to use our own judgment as to the market value.
All parties having goods now in our Rooms with reserve prices are requested to remove them within seven days, or they will be sold without reserve.
BRADLEY, NEWTON, and LAMB, Auctioneers
Spring and O'Connell streets, 27th November, 1878.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.—To Merchants, Importers, and others.
HARRIS and ACKMAN beg to inform MERCHANTS, IMPORTERS, and TRADERS generally that they have succeeded in obtaining a lease of those COMMODIOUS BRICK STORES in the rear of their AUCTION ROOMS, 141, PITT-STREET, and are now prepared to receive for STORAGE direct from the ship's side, goods in any quantity for sale by public auction or private contract.
HARRIS and ACKMAN,
Auctioneers, &c.,
141, Pitt-street.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
BORROWERS from the LENDING BRANCH of this Institution are informed that Books will not be issued on and after the 25th instant, until the 2nd day of January 1879. ALL BOOKS must be returned before the 31st instant.
Borrowers who have detained their books over time are requested to return them without delay, as otherwise they will be excluded from the use of the Library during the ensuing year.
By order.
EDWARD G. W. PALMER,
Librarian, Lending Branch.

NOTICE.
Persons indebted to the late firm of ALEX. MOORE and CO. are respectfully requested to pay their accounts to either of the late partners immediately at the Labour Bazaar. All accounts standing on the 1st of January, 1879, will be placed in the hands of a solicitor without regard to individuals.
November 18, 1878.

THE NIGHT REFUGE and SOUP KITCHEN, 555, Kent-street.—Subscriptions are much needed for above at the present time, the funds being quite exhausted. Can be forwarded to the Institution, or to R. GUY, Hon. Secretary, Phœnix Wharf; or to
F. PARSONS, Hon. Treasurer,
303, George-street.

WORKING MEN'S MORT MEMORIAL FUND
A WARD IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.
NOTICE to Town and Country Subscribers.
SUBSCRIPTIONS may be forwarded, and will thankfully be received and duly acknowledged at office, No. 12, Bridge-street, Sydney, by
JOSEPH TAYLOR, Collector.

ADVANCES made on Wool, Metals, and other colonial produce for Sale here, in London, or elsewhere. Credits granted for purchase of goods, and indents executed on the most favourable terms, through our London house, Messrs. John B. Watt and Co., 5, East India Avenue, Leadenhall-street.
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.
Lloyd's Agency.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN, STOCK AND STATION AGENTS and CATTLE SALESMEN, WOOL STORES—Circular Quay. SALE YARDS—Homebush and Sydney. OFFICES—Bell's-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney.
LIBERAL ADVANCES made on all Produce or Stock consigned to us.

WOOL, TALLOW, TIN, HIDES.—The undersigned are prepared to make liberal advances on all COLONIAL PRODUCE entrusted to them for SALE in the colony, or SHIPMENT to their London Agents.
HENRY BEIT and CO.,
62, Margaret-street.

THE UNDERSIGNED will make liberal advances on WOOL, TALLOW, OR OTHER COLONIAL PRODUCE consigned to their friends in London, under whose personal supervision all sales are effected.
MASON, BROTHERS.

THE UNDERSIGNED will make liberal advances on WOOL or other PRODUCE consigned to their London House.
YOUNG and LARK.

WOOL, Tallow, Hides, and all Produce advanced upon liberally by LEARMONTH, DICKINSON, and CO.

SYDNEY INFIRMARY and DISPENSARY,
TO ARCHITECTS.
The Board of Directors of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary invite Competitive DESIGNS for a MODERN PAVILION HOSPITAL on the site in Macquarie-street (as represented in the survey sketch made by Mr. Reuss), and they offer a Premium of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS for the best design; a Premium of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS for the second best design; and a Premium of FIFTY POUNDS for the third best design.
Terms and conditions as published in S. M. HERALD of October 15th and 19th.

Memoranda with regard to the new Hospital buildings, as regards administrative requisites, ward accommodation, ground space, depth of rock, position of sewers and levels, &c., as well as lithographic plans of present buildings, and the land can be obtained on application to the Secretary.
H. D. RUSSELL, Secretary.

VISITORS FROM THE COUNTRY should find HORDERN'S new shop, in Pitt-street, near Victoria Theatre.
Everything here is marked in plain figures; and as we sell cheap, the shop is always crowded.
Remember—J. L. HORDERN'S, 259, PITT-STREET.
HORDERN'S NEW SHOP, PITT-STREET.

PUBLIC NOTICE. PUBLIC NOTICE.
THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER of HARDIE and GORMAN'S PROPERTY REGISTER and REPORT is NOW READY for DISTRIBUTION GRATIS.
HARDIE and GORMAN,
AUCTIONEERS and VALUERS,
174, PITT-STREET.

WE HAVE, THIS DAY, appointed Mr. JOHN LAWLER, of 517, George-street, Sydney, as Sole Agent for New South Wales for the sale of our Woollen Flock. TRONSON and RUTHERFORD. Melbourne, November 14, 1878.
I am now selling the best Woollen Flock at reduced prices.
J. LAWLER, 517, George-street.

NOTICE TO JEWELLERS, CHEMISTS, TOBACCONISTS, and others,
that J. C. CORNISH, Glass Bender, and Bent Glass Showcase Manufacturer,
has REMOVED from Newtown Road, to the Illawarra Road, Marrickville, Sydney.

NOTICE.—REDGATE'S PATENT MEAL, the same quality we have made the last three years, can now be obtained at all the principal grocers; wholesale, from J. REDGATE and SON, Kurang-street, Woollcomooloo.

NOTICE.

Any SASHES required urgently this week will be delivered to any part of town or suburbs, if sent in by FRIDAY next.
J. MURPHY and SON.

NOTICE.
Any person or persons found SMOKING, or throwing matches about in the front or rear of our premises, will be prosecuted.
J. MURPHY and SON,
21 and 23, George-street West.

NOTICE.
Our ESTABLISHMENT will REOPEN for business on FRIDAY, 27th instant.
MURPHY and SON.

JHUBERT NEWMAN, Photographer, 12, Oxford-street.—This Gallery will be CLOSED during the Christmas Holidays from CHRISTMAS DAY till MONDAY, December 30.

J. D. DOYLE, successor to J. P. M'Donald, formerly a general importer, has removed next door, 68, King-street.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES
HARRISON, JONES, AND DEVLIN,
WOOL BROKERS,
STOCK AND STATION AGENTS,
WOOL WAREHOUSES, CIRCULAR QUAY.
OFFICES—BELL'S-CHAMBERS, PITT-STREET

We beg to notify to the WOOLGROWERS and MERCHANTS of the Australian Colonies that our warehouses are ready for the reception of the 1879 clip of Wool, and that we are prepared to make LIBERAL CASH ADVANCES, if required, on Wool sent to us for SALE either in the colonies or in the London market.
Our business is that of SELLING BROKERS ONLY, so that our friends may depend upon our best exertions to obtain for them the fullest market value. Valuations are carefully made before the sale of each lot, and the smallest lot is not sold unless a fair market value can be obtained.
The charge for offering Wool at our own warehouses is only nominal when not sold. All Wool while in our stores is covered by insurance at full value at a very trifling cost. Our arrangements for shipping are not to be surpassed, as, from the extensive nature of our business, we can command the most favourable freights.
Our charges for selling, receiving, and delivering are about one-half of those charged by Victorian brokers.
We hold PUBLIC SALES BY AUCTION of WOOL and SHEEPSKINS once a week, and ACCOUNT SALES are rendered and PROCEEDS PAID within SEVEN DAYS OF SALE.
AUCTION SALES of TALLOW, HIDES, LEATHER, and other produce are also held weekly.
Way-bills will be forwarded on application, and any further information that may be desired.

WOOL AND OTHER PRODUCE.—Liberal cash advances made by the undersigned on wool and other produce placed in their hands for sale in the colonies for shipment to Messrs. Dalgety, Du Croz, and Co., their London firm. Advances made on stations and stock. Station stores supplied.
DALGETY, BLACKWOOD, and CO.
Offices: Exchange-buildings, Pitt-street (next Messrs. W. Laidley and Co.'s), Sydney.

THE ESK SMELTING COMPANY, Bowenfels, are purchasers of COPPER ORE at highest prices.
For particulars apply Mr. LEWIS LLOYD, Bathurst.
Best refined COPPER always on sale.
W. J. WESTON and CO., Agents,
5, Spring-street.

SIXTEEN of the ASSISTANTS will be retained, and the ROYAL FURNISHING ARCADE will remain OPEN UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK FRIDAY, AND EVERY EVENING UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.
THE GREAT RUSH of TRADE for PRESENTS and GIFTS renders this step ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.
W. B. CAMPBELL.

LATEST EUROPEAN TELEGRAMS
Latest Intercolonial Telegrams
Provincial Telegrams.
See THE ECHO, Afternoon Newspaper.

Stock, Shares, and Money.

LONDON LOAN AND DISCOUNT BANK
125, ELIZABETH-STREET SOUTH,
next St. James's School.
First established in Sydney.
MONEY advanced in sums from £5 to £1000 on two responsible securities. Arrangements can be made for WEEKLY, MONTHLY, or QUARTERLY payments.
BILLS OF SALE on Furniture, without possession.
Advances made upon mortgage, deposit of deeds, merchandise, bonded certificates, trade bills, &c.
Forms may be had gratis.

MONEY. MONEY. MONEY.—COLONIAL MORTGAGE, LOAN, AND DISCOUNT BANKING COMPANY'S OFFICES,
220, Market and Castlereagh streets
The operations of this Company embrace the following branches:—
1. Promissory notes, acceptances, bills of exchange discounted daily.
2. Foreign bills of exchange and bank notes purchased.
3. Mortgages effected on city, suburban, and country properties.
4. Money advanced on deposit of deeds, with or without transfer, and on leaseholds, shares and scrip of public companies; bills of sale, bonded certificates, merchandise; also on good personal security, payable by weekly, monthly, or quarterly instalments.
5. Reversionary interests, annuities, and life interests in estates purchased, or advances made thereon as required.
6. Foreign coin and bullion bought or exchanged.
All communications, private, confidential, or otherwise, addressed to the undersigned, will have strict and prompt attention.
D. BARNETT, General Manager.

UNION LOAN AND DISCOUNT COMPANY.
OFFICES: 794, GEORGE-STREET (first floor), eight doors from Christ Church.
Hours—9 to 5, and 7 to 9 every evening.
MONEY ADVANCED upon PERSONAL and other security. Repayable by instalments as follows:—

£10 by weekly instalments of	...	...	£0	6 0
15	"	"	...	0 7 6
20	"	"	...	0 10 6
25	"	"	...	0 12 7
30	"	"	...	1 0 0
50	"	"	...	1 5 0

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